

Cool Schools – Peer Mediators

Cool Schools is a programme designed by the Peace Foundation to foster positive relationships and conflict resolution in schools. Students are trained to help other students solve minor playground disputes through mediation. The senior students, who are selected and trained to help other students, work in teams of three. These 'Peer Mediators' not only help with conflict resolution at school but also become equipped with valuable skills for handling conflicts in their own lives outside of school.

The students are identified by their bright yellow vests and 'Peer Mediator' badges and are available to talk to students each day at morning tea and lunch times. If the conflict is too serious for children to deal with they are trained to refer the issue to a duty teacher.

The Junior students enjoy going to an older student to help solve their problems and the 'Peer Mediators' are chosen to be good role models for their peers.