Our “Care Share” Group Structure

Ask an adult or an employer, “What qualities should a school leaver have?” and some of the more popular replies will include initiative, self-confidence, ability to get on with others, reliability, co-operative attitude, adaptability, tolerance, etc. But how does a person gain these qualities, or even come to realise their value?

Bearing in mind the academic nature of traditional school subjects, care share allows students to experience situations and activities which focus on the above qualities and more. Generally stated, the aims are to:

- give students a sense of family, belonging and support within the school environment;
- develop in students a sense of responsibility and caring for others;
- foster self-esteem, self-worth and confidence in each individual;
- create an awareness of certain social and environmental issues;
- develop certain social and life skills;
- develop a sense of school pride and spirit;
- provide a vehicle for debating, teaching and reinforcing school rules, students’ code of behaviour, etc.;
- allow senior students to develop and practise leadership skills;
- develop in students interdisciplinary skills that will help them with traditional subjects, e.g. study skills, library-use skills.

Each care group contains 4-5 students from each year level (7-12) and meets for ten minutes most mornings and for occasional activity lessons. Activities are organised and conducted by most students and the group’s care teacher/s.

One important part of the program is care carnival day.

The aim of this day is to promote school spirit, team work and care group cohesiveness by undertaking a variety of fun outdoor activities, competing against other care groups.

The school is divided into 4-house groups, with staff members designated as House Co-ordinators.

The houses are:
FLINDERS...................... Yellow
COOK ........................... Blue
OXLEY ......................... Red
KENNEDY..................... Green

Houses compete for overall trophies awarded after Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnival.