



**SMILE**





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S - Support

M - Mentor

I - Inspire

L - Listen

E - Encourage



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In 2011, Lochie Gould and Daniel Bastow approached Mr Cook with a plan - to organise a group of older students to help younger students.

The plan was put into action, and the SMILE Mentor program was implemented into Woolgoolga High school for the first time in 2012.



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Every year since then, there have been large groups of senior students volunteer to be SMILE mentors ... to help.

These students care about others, and their community. They donate their time and energy to making school a better experience for everyone.

*"We've been there and we know what it's like"*



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*Our key objective is to support the students at Woolgoolga High School, and make the school a happier, safer place for all students from all backgrounds and all stories.*

*Lochie Gould*

# The Aim

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- to give students a better experience at school.
- to make stronger connections between students and promote positive relationships.
- to help guide students through the social challenges of adolescence and High School.
- to identify and assist in resolving problems.



## *How does SMILE work?*

- Students can approach the mentors and ask politely if they have time for a chat.
- Students can also ask the Head Teacher of Wellbeing Mr Cook, Student Support Officer Daniel Sweed, or their Year Advisor to arrange a meeting with a mentor.
- Meetings occur in school time only - during Homegroup and before school.



*How are they identified?*



Wristbands

Badges





# The Mentors

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- Volunteer their time to making our school community a better place.
- Complete two days of specialised training.
- Are committed to their leadership role in the school.
- Are good, kind people.



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