

S.M.I.L.E.

The SMILE program stands for:

Support Mentor Inspire Listen Encourage

Each Wednesday at secondary tutorial time 10.40am students in Year 10 and some from Year 11 meet with students in the Primary school to build a mentoring relationship.

The program helps to build leadership and mentoring skills of our students in Years 10 and 11 and works as a peer support program for students in the Primary school.

Our secondary students have participated in a four day camp learning how to be a good mentor, listening skills, how to engage with younger students and some guidelines around what they can help with and how to refer some questions they may have to teachers. They receive a black SMILE uniform shirt once they have fulfilled the requirements of the training and wear these shirts with pride on Tuesdays.

Each week students design learning experiences which may include one on one conversations about how their week has been, helping with goal setting, playing teamwork type games or even just reading together.

SMILE is a student led program. At present the team has many exciting ideas and are supported with resources and time to talk and plan collaboratively. They help monitor the collective wellbeing of all students at BCS.

Our schools' Learning and Support Team makes recommendations as to students who may benefit from having a mentor to work with each week and matches mentors with mentees.

The program aims to provide:

- Social Support
- Positive reinforcement
- Self-esteem and confidence building activities
- Ways to deal with bullying
- Stronger connections between students
- Someone to listen
- Leadership pathways outside of the Student Representative Council
- A better experience at school



If you have any questions about the program, or you would like to ask for a student SMILE mentor for your child please don't hesitate to contact Rob Symonds or Josh Le Cerf at school.

