

LAKEVIEW SENIOR COLLEGE

Teach the Teacher Report 2021

Topic: Student-teacher relationships

Goal: Strengthen the relationships between students and teachers at Lakeview Senior College to increase the capacity of change within the college led by students

The Team: The *Student Voice and Leadership Team* at Lakeview Senior College, made up of a selection of students from each year level

The Program

The project was centred around an approach to student-teacher relationships in the classroom and implementing a strategy in each class to ensure that students had the opportunity to get to know their teachers and how they teach, but also for teachers to have the opportunity to learn from their students and how they learn in the classroom.

This was a result of a series of different surveys that were conducted throughout the college from the Attitudes to School Survey, to a survey conducted with both students and teachers to provide an insight into their experiences within the classroom including learning and relationships, learning styles and existing ideas and strategies that have worked or proved to be challenging.

Through this program, a series of different strategies were developed to improve student teacher relationships at Lakeview, in key areas of:

- classroom development
- classroom environment
- classroom wellbeing
- connection

Students had the opportunity to plan and conduct a professional learning session with teachers at Lakeview in order to work together and decide upon a strategy that could be implemented as a new addition to the classroom in 2022. This provided a great opportunity to work alongside teachers, gain valuable feedback and be provided with a relationship between teachers and the student leadership team to work together to implement valuable strategies for the future.

Outcomes

This project first and foremost helped us improve the relationships between teachers and students at the college. It allowed us the opportunities to work alongside teachers on a much more professional level, listen to each other and work together to implement a valuable change within the college.

This project in the future aims to be the starting point into creating these opportunities and will hopefully broaden the scope for implementing valuable changes by listening to students and teachers experiences and viewpoints.

Teachers found the session very insightful, especially creating an opportunity to hear from students and their perspectives, as well as this, giving students the opportunity to effectively plan and implement a professional learning session that not only inspired teachers but provided insight to teachers about things students would profit from in the classroom and what they could implement in the classroom just based on the valuable data collected from the leadership team.

Explore the strategies developed through Lakeview's Teach the Teacher program in their professional learning session presentation.