

# Students connect during buddy program

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Amelie Dimeski, Year 5 and Liya Hua, Kindergarten

Part of our Pastoral Care Program in the Junior School involves making time for the older girls to connect with the younger students as their buddies. Once or twice a term, the teaching staff make time for Kindergarten and Year 5 students, and Year 1 and Year 6 students, to participate in activities together.

Our Year 5 girls were so excited to meet their Kindergarten buddies earlier in the term. Mrs Krystle Thao organised a HSIE task using iPads, where all the girls were sorted into House groups and split into various classrooms at the Lingwood campus. Together, they worked on creating images and pictures related to a “sense of place.”

Year 6 and Year 1 girls enjoyed reading books and chatting about the pictures in the Selim Library. The girls chose to either stay in the library or spill out onto the Hudson lawn to read and chat. It was a relaxing time for everyone involved.

The Year 5 girls have continued to see their buddies throughout the week, with small groups visiting the Kindergarten girls twice a week at lunchtime. This is a wonderful time for the girls to interact and play together.



Alice Li, Year 6 and Mia Tsai, Year 1

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