

# The Role of a Flexi Buddy

## What is a Buddy?

A buddy will be a year 12 student who has agreed to be a point of contact for a year 10 student and who can provide informal guidance and encouragement during their first year at Toowoomba Flexi School.

## First Day of a new student

- Show the new student around the building, introducing them to members of staff and mentors they may see within their working environment, but may not otherwise come into contact with within their role
- Point out catering or other facilities that may be of interest, i.e. Mentoring Hub
- Accompany them to lunch on their first day

## A buddy might typically take on the following tasks to help the new student to settle in:

- Be available to answer immediate routine questions of a general nature
- Provide information on how the Flexi operates, along with explaining the *Standards and Expectations*
- Be available to talk to provide company

## Weekly Check ins

- Take an interest in your Buddy through weekly check-ins, ask how things are going

## Who is a Buddy?

A buddy will be a Year 12 Flexi Student, who will be familiar with the Flexi Culture and proudly upholds the Standards and Expectations.

When should a Buddy be assigned?

A buddy should be assigned before the year 10 commences their enrolment with Flexi.

A buddy should dedicate a significant amount of time during the week to check in with their buddy. Where possible buddy's will be assigned within Family Groups.

Buddy's will be given guidance and leadership skills on the Year 12 Leadership Camp to ensure that they are happy for the prospective buddy role and are prepared to devote time to the role.

## What does a Buddy not do?

The buddy should direct the new student to their Pastoral Care teacher if their questions become more complex or involve complex issues, as the buddy's role is purely to help the new student feel and to allay any feelings of isolation within their new school.