



2018 MINISTRY UPDATE

*"and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes
from the gospel of peace"*

Ephesians 6:15

What we do and why we do it

In a world in which relationships are under more pressure than ever before, PeaceWise continues to boldly pursue our purpose: "To provide practical help and real hope to a conflict-weary world."

We do this by helping individuals, organisations and communities learn life-changing principles and build healthy, relational communities of peace.

We do this because we believe that:

- the gospel of peace is the most powerful thing on this planet to preserve and restore relationships, and that
- Christians showing godly behaviour and Bible-breathed strategies that actually work are a powerful witness to Jesus, by presenting a compelling alternative to how the world typically deals with conflict.



This update shares with you some vignettes of the breadth and impact of the ministry across our nation.

We give deep thanks to God for the opportunity to bring peace into many people's lives, and for the partnership of so many who make this work possible.

Warmly,

Bruce Burgess
National Director

Key projects and achievements



PeaceWiseKids – growing peacemakers for life

This project is soooo big it needs more space - see the following pages for more...

Course re-write programme in full swing

- Our four year programme to rewrite all our courses into two streams – "Everyday" courses and "Going deeper" courses is well underway.
- 2017: New *Everyday Peacemaking* and *Heart of Peacemaking* courses successfully launched.
- 2019: New *Everyday Conflict Coaching* and *Deeper into Conflict Coaching* courses planned for release.

Professional development accreditation – NESA



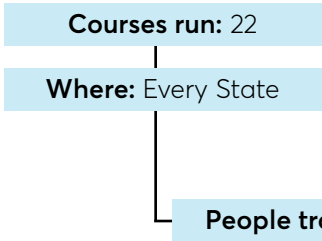
- Both *Everyday Peacemaking* and also *Everyday Peacemaking for Schools* courses – now give teaches 6hours PD credit
- Strategically positions school staff to implement PeaceWiseKids by first learning principles personally

PeaceWise awarded Foundation Partner status for CMA Standards Council accreditation - Dec 2017

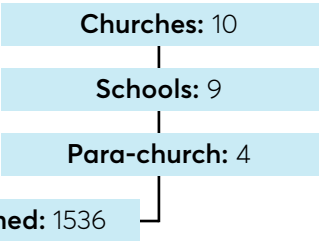
- One of the first organisations in Australia to receive this stamp of approval for our strong governance framework.



National training programme - 2017



Training in organisations - 2017



PeaceWiseKids and PeaceWiseYouth are our new online and live activities programme to help young people deal with challenging relationships and conflict in healthy, constructive, life-changing ways.

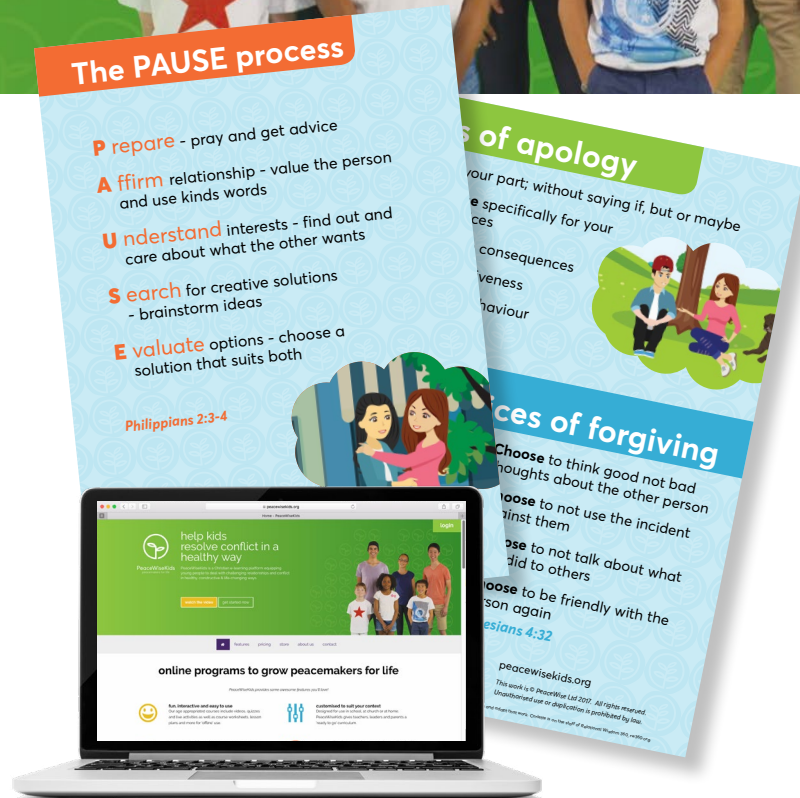


What is it?

PeaceWise has taken its adult peacemaking principles and developed them into a full 'ready to go' teachable curriculum resource for classroom or home-schooling or even family devotional use

- Teachers are given full lesson plans mapped to Australian Curriculum outcomes
- Core teaching is delivered at the beginning of each topic through online animation or video*
- Students access online content including videos, quizzes, forum plus student journal
- Classroom activities include worksheets, discussions, role-plays, games and more
- Student activity is recorded via reporting to the teacher both at student and class levels

* Where not every student has a device (eg. SRE, youth groups, church camps), a version presented by a leader to the group supported by a range of engaging activities is also available.



PeaceWiseYouth
peacemakers for life

for high school aged students

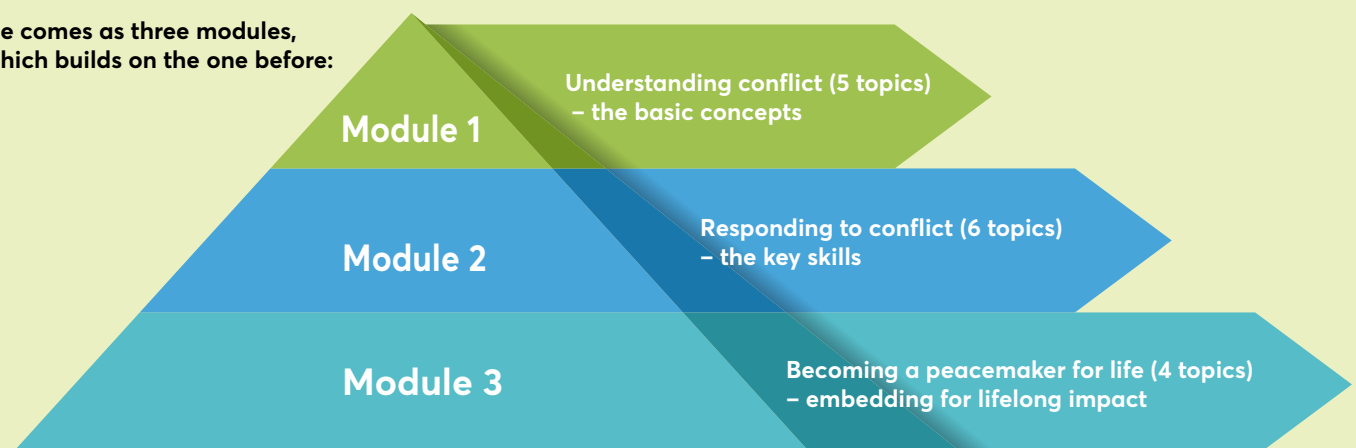


PeaceWiseKids
peacemakers for life

for primary school aged students

Course structure

The course comes as three modules, each of which builds on the one before:



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Where's PeaceWiseKids course production up to?

The first course, for Years 7 & 8, is now available online, with the course for Years 9 & 10 to come online in Term 3, 2018.

Next we hope to will be Years 5 & 6 in early 2019, with further courses to follow in 2019 and 2020.

PeaceWise has engaged with many different schooling groups who are excited about the project and planning to implement it in their schools – our next newsletter we will share more about this and its adoption in other contexts like SRE, home-schooling and youth groups as the rollout unfolds.

A School Principal's perspective

"We're running PeaceWiseYouth for our Year 7s and Year 9s in Term 3, 2018. We want to build resilience, relational skills, and most importantly a strong overall relational culture based on biblical principles within the school."

Brendan Corr, Principal, Australian Christian College, Marsden Park



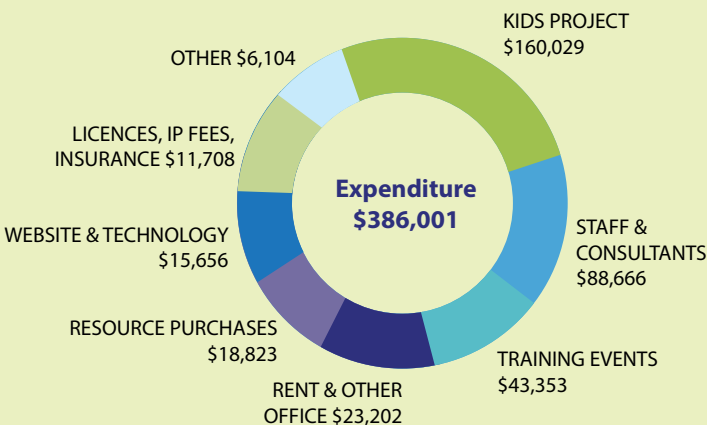
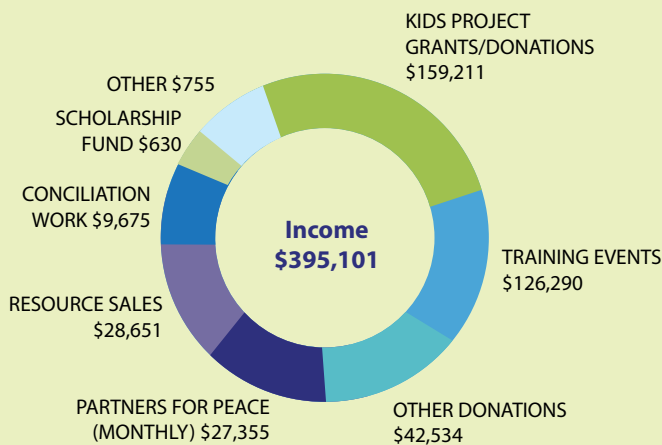
And a big thankyou to some key schools and people

There are literally too many people to thank for their ongoing generous support of this project. Please forgive me if I single out three schools though, for their amazing support in terms of writers and student dramas in particular – Kings Christian College (Gold Coast), Hunter Christian School (Hunter Valley) and Covenant Christian School (Sydney). Plus two schools who have been amazing in testing of pilot materials for us – PLC Sydney and John Calvin Christian College (Perth). Thankyou so much, your support has been invaluable.

Viv Batt, Content and Curriculum Manager, PeaceWiseKids



Overall PeaceWise finances - 2017 calendar year



Connect18 Christian Media and the Arts conference – April 2018

- National Director Bruce Burgess was a keynote speaker, passionately sharing with over 200 representatives of Christian media organisations "Why the seemingly small matter of equipping your team to deal well with conflict is BIG for your ministry".
- Follow up workshop co-led with Bronwynne Greenway "10 small things to strengthen relationships and help fire your mission"



Prophetic voice and cricket?

PeaceWise has a long term goal of being an increasingly visible prophetic voice in the public arena.

In the midst of the cricket ball tampering scandal in early 2018, PeaceWise tweeted Australian cricket captain Steve Smith directly, encouraging him to apologise well to the Australian people, while giving him a link to Marion Jones' confession that we use in our training to illustrate the '7 A's of confession'.

We sent him a message of encouragement after his subsequent strong and authentic public apology.

Hubs continue to connect

- Hubs are our 'community' spaces, where the PeaceWise movement finds expression outside training events.
- People come to get peacemaking input, practise skills, get refreshed and encouraged and pray and share together
- Hubs currently operate regularly in Sydney, Newcastle, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Perth



Thanks to our amazing volunteers!

Believe it or not, PeaceWise runs with just *four* paid positions – and none of them full time!

This means that so much of the ministry is supported by our amazing volunteers – including our wonderful Ministry Coordinators, Hub Leaders, 1 hour training presenters, office volunteers, training event volunteers and prayer intercessors, not to mention the PeaceWise Board.

We thank God for each and every one of you, who make the work PeaceWise does to bring peace to every Aussie possible...

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If you think you might have a skill or talent we can use to help impact lives with the gospel of peace, please let us know at contact@peacewise.org.au or call Catherine in our office on 02 9890 6516.