



PeaceWiseKids

Scope and Sequence Course 2

1. Basic course structure and licence period

Course 2 of PeaceWiseKids (for Years 1 – 2) contains **three modules**, each with **five topics** (15 in total):

MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
UNDERSTANDING CONFLICT	RESPONDING TO CONFLICT	PEACEMAKERS FOR LIFE

- Each topic needs around 30 to 40 minutes to complete.
- The course is designed to be completed *sequentially*.
- Purchasing this PeaceWiseKids course gives you the right to use the material for 12 months.
- For schools and home schools, the 12 months align with the school year of the country in question (e.g. January to December in Australia and New Zealand; September to August for the USA and Canada).

2. Core teaching and workbook – Year A and Year B

The **core teaching material** includes a **stimulus video** and **teacher-directed lesson plan** for every topic. Access to these resources is via your online login.

Course 2 is designed to be taught across two year levels: Year 1 and Year 2. Each topic is divided into **Year A lesson plans** and **Year B lesson plans**.

The **Year A lesson plans** are to be used in the **first year of student learning**, regardless of whether the class is Year 1 or Year 2. If this is the first time the class is being taught the content, then use the Year A lesson plans. The Year A lesson plans introduce the content and tools for peacemaking.

The Year B lesson plans are to be used in the **second year of student learning** (Year 2, if students completed the Year A lesson plans in Year 1). These lesson plans build on the learning from the previous year and provide opportunities for students to practice the skills/tools they have learned. If new students join your class during the second year of student learning, just keep in mind they may need a little extra support to feel confident using the tools/skills outlined.

Student engagement tool: workbook

- Every topic is represented by a section in the workbook.
- Additional learning resources, such as visual aids and memory verses, are included in the workbook.

Course 2 includes two workbooks as the **student engagement tool**. There is a **Workbook A** (first year of student learning) and a **Workbook B** (second year of student learning). The activities in these workbooks are specific to the lesson plans, so make sure you purchase Workbook A if you are teaching the Year A lesson plans (first year of student learning) and Workbook B if you are teaching the Year B lesson plans (second year of student learning).

It is recommended that students complete the workbook activity immediately after the initial teacher-directed in-class activities, as noted in the lesson plans.

Additional resources are available for purchase to support student learning:

- A2 Peacemaking posters illustrating all the key concepts
- A5 Peacemaking summary cards – for individual student use

Find these in the [online store](http://www.peacewise.org.au/store/) at www.peacewise.org.au/store/



3. Course philosophy and intent

PeaceWiseKids is more than just a programme to help children learn topic-specific conflict management skills.

It is a comprehensive course, mapped to the Australian Curriculum, that is intended to:

- give children deep and broad relational skills that they can use for the rest of their lives
- build resilience, empowerment and self-esteem
- inspire children to want to be people who actively breathe grace and peace into the communities they belong to (i.e. make a difference beyond simply their own personal relationships)
- help build a healthy relational culture of peace within the community where it is taught (school, church, family, etc.)
- help children see how much God loves them, and how the example of Jesus and the wise relational principles in the Bible can help them have better relationships.

This, then, is how PeaceWiseKids works:

- Module 1 (Understanding conflict) is the core concepts and framework.
- Module 2 (Responding to conflict) is learning the skills.
- Module 3 (Peacemakers for life) is the embedding part.

Modules are self-contained and follow a deliberate sequential order. The course is designed to be taught from beginning to end and does not lend itself to picking and choosing what to do and what to leave out. Teaching the course in its intended sequence is essential if students are to fully engage with the content and fully grow in their understanding of peacemaking and the relational principles and skills taught through the course.

For students to learn the range of principles and skills that will impact them at a deeper level, teachers are encouraged to plan to teach as much of the overall course content as possible.

4. Scope and sequence

The course can be executed in a variety of ways. Whichever option is chosen, we recommend ongoing reinforcement of the content by encouraging students to apply the principles in their lives and relationships, and, most importantly, we recommend constant use of the *language* of PeaceWiseKids so that the concepts become embedded.

Here are four possible options to choose from, based on your needs or preference:

- Teach the course over four terms – 3 or 4 topics per term
- Teach the course over three terms – approximately 5 topics per term
- Teach the course over two terms – 7 or 8 topics per term
- Teach the course over a single term – 2 topics per week

We will illustrate three of these options in the table below, in each case assuming you will use content over the course of **Years 1 and 2** with the students – in other words, you will engage students with the content over TWO learning years. Note that it is *possible* (though probably not our recommended approach) to teach the course intensively in a camp situation, teaching multiple topics per day, although it's a lot to take in this way.



COURSE 2: TEACHING PLANNER

First year of learning (typically in Year 1)

	TEACH OVER TWO TERMS	TEACH OVER THREE TERMS	TEACH OVER FOUR TERMS
Teaching Schedule	Complete one topic per week - 8 topics in the first teaching term and the final 7 in the second teaching term.	Complete 5 topics in each of the three teaching terms.	Complete 4 topics in Terms 1-3 and 3 topics in Term 4.
First Teaching Term	Module 1 — Understanding Conflict <i>Understanding God's plan for peace with him and others</i> Topic 1: What is conflict? Topic 2: Where does conflict come from? Topic 3: What is God's peace plan for us? Topic 4: How can conflict be an opportunity? Topic 5: How do we become peacemakers? Module 2 — Responding to Conflict <i>Learning to take responsibility for my part in the conflict and speak the truth in love</i> Topic 6: How do I get God's help with conflict? Topic 7: How do I take responsibility for my part in a conflict? Topic 8: How do I solve many of my conflicts?	Module 1 — Understanding Conflict <i>Understanding God's plan for peace with him and other.</i> Topic 1: What is conflict? Topic 2: Where does conflict come from? Topic 3: What is God's peace plan for us? Topic 4: How can conflict be an opportunity? Topic 5: How do we become peacemakers?	Module 1 — Understanding Conflict <i>Understanding God's plan for peace with him and others.</i> Topic 1: What is conflict? Topic 2: Where does conflict come from? Topic 3: What is God's peace plan for us? Topic 4: How can conflict be an opportunity?
Second Teaching Term	Module 2 — Responding to Conflict (continued) Topic 9: How can I forgive as God forgives and choose peace? Topic 10: How can I be a peacemaker? Module 3 — Peacemakers for Life <i>Learning the art of being a peacemaker everywhere, all the time, for life</i> Topic 11: How do I know when to overlook or when to talk to the other person? Topic 12: How do I make peace when the other person doesn't want to make peace? Topic 13: How can I help make my home a place of peace? Topic 14: How can I build peace everywhere I go? Topic 15: How can peacemaking point people to Jesus?	Module 2 — Responding to Conflict <i>Learning to take responsibility for my part in the conflict and speak the truth in love</i> Topic 6: How do I get God's help with conflict? Topic 7: How do I take responsibility for my part in a conflict? Topic 8: How do I solve many of my conflicts? Topic 9: How can I forgive as God forgives and choose peace? Topic 10: How can I be a peacemaker?	Module 1 — Understanding Conflict (continued) Topic 5: How do we become peacemakers? Module 2 — Responding to Conflict <i>Learning to take responsibility for my part in the conflict and speak the truth in love</i> Topic 6: How do I get God's help with conflict? Topic 7: How do I take responsibility for my part in a conflict? Topic 8: How do I solve many of my conflicts?



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Fourth Teaching			Module 3 — Peacemakers for Life (continued) Topic 13: How can I help make my home a place of peace? Topic 14: How can I build peace everywhere I go? Topic 15: How can peacemaking point people to Jesus?

Second year of learning (typically in Year 2)

We assume that you have taught the **Year A Activities** in the lesson plans for Year 1, and now the **Year B Activity** in the lesson plans will be considered when those students are in Year 2.

It is recommended that students follow the same structure as outlined in the Teaching Planner above.



5. Building a culture of peace in your community – a final word

PeaceWiseKids/PeaceWiseYouth courses are character growth resources. The potential to impact behaviour and build cultures of peace is increased by committing to the time and exposure required for the students to deeply engage with the concepts and principles and apply them in their lives.

If the school or other learning community is genuinely committed to seeking to build a culture of peace using this course, there is no 'short cut' or 'cut and paste' approach alternative to teaching the full course – just like there is no 'short cut' to learning to drive.

This is why it is necessary to teach the course from beginning to end. It is not designed for topics to be taught as stand-alone lessons (for example, picking out the forgiveness topics in Module 2 without doing the groundwork of the peacemaking framework in the topics of Module 1).

Additionally, culture change is heavily dependent on how effectively a school, college, church, family or other community embeds the principles and strategies of peacemaking throughout the organisation or community.



Visit <https://vimeo.com/548719379> to see how Melton Christian College established a culture of peace and the incredible impact it has had within the school.

PeaceWise loves partnering with organisations to help them plan and implement the bigger picture goals of building a healthy, relational community of peace – please get in touch with us if this is of interest to you.

For schools teaching or intending to use PeaceWiseKids/PeaceWiseYouth, we highly recommend engaging with our tailored *Everyday Peacemaking for Schools* one-day training session for the whole school staff. Similarly, colleges, churches and church organisations can do our one-day *Everyday Peacemaking* training session. Contact us:

- email us at enquiry@peacewise.org.au
- call us on 1300 1PEACE (1300 173 223)
- visit peacewise.org.au for more information.

For more information about other PeaceWiseKids/PeaceWiseYouth courses and the overall program, visit peacewisekids.org.

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