

DISCUSSION STARTER

Making a difference in the middle years

Newspapers and other media often report problems in public education, particularly for students in the middle years. Comments about low literacy and numeracy levels, alienation and truancy, and violence and antisocial behaviour make exciting news!

But this is not a true picture of what is happening in our school.

Look at the questions below. As a group, choose and discuss a question that we can target to make a difference in the middle years.



- TARGET**
- 1 How can we make a difference for one middle years student in our school?** Choose a particular individual and develop a plan.
Who should we tell about our success with this student and how will we communicate the information?
 - 2 How can we make a difference for one middle years class in our school?** Identify a particular class and develop a plan.
Who should we tell about our success with this class and how will we communicate the information?
 - 3 How can we make a difference for a year group or stage group in our school?**
Who should we tell about our success with this group and how will we communicate the information?
 - 4 How can our school make a difference for middle years students in our community?**
Who should we tell about our school's success and how will we communicate the information?
 - 5 How can our school make a difference for middle years students in NSW?**
Who should we tell about our school's success and how will we communicate the information?