Call for schools to attend peer support workshop

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Armidale schools are being urged to sign up to a workshop on peer support programs being held in Tamworth next Tuesday.

Non-profit organisation Peer Support Australia runs programs in schools aimed at helping students develop networks and learn decision-making, problem solving and coping skills.

The organisation will hold an implementation workshop in Tamworth next week.

But a spokeswoman said no Armidale schools had signed up and they wanted to change that.

The organisation was founded in 1973 by Elizabeth Campbell after a Sydney High School student died as the result of a drug overdose.

Programs are peer-led rather than being facilitated by teachers.

The idea is based on the concept that students are influenced by and can learn from their peers.
There are currently has more than 1000 schools involved in the organisation's programs.

Schools can sign up to the workshops online at http://peersupport.edu.au/program_workshops_imp.html