

## **Community Connections and Kedron State High School ESL (English as a Second Language) students**

Facilitators from Community Connections in Nundah conducted a Peer Skills Workshop for Year 12 students from Kedron State High School in February 2008.

The workshop was offered to young people in this year from refugee/migrant backgrounds who were aged between 16 and 21. One of the aims of the initiative was to improve cross cultural relationships and for these students to be better equipped to support other refugee/migrant young people entering the school.

Two students from the workshop wrote an article for the school newsletter

### **Year 12 Peer Skills**

On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, the Year 12 ESL students went to Warilda Community Centre (across the road from our school) to participate in a workshop that would help us improve our communication and learning skills.

Honestly, we would like to say that it was one of the best activities we ever participated in as a group. It was a workshop to help us support each other as well as the younger students in our school. Topics covered included exploring values, developing communication skills, problem solving skills and self care. We talked about our problems in school and possible ways to deal with them.

We also played lots of crazy, fun games which did involve lots of happiness amongst the group. The food was delicious and we could nibble at any time. We all walked away from the workshop feeling positive.

Charles and Godfrey on behalf of the Year 12 ESL class.