Student Leadership Policy

Rationale

Leadership programs provide optimum opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills, model school values and display pride in themselves and the school community.

Aims

- To provide opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills.
- To provide opportunities for Year 6 students to model appropriate social skills and to lead areas of responsibility within the school.

Implementation

ELECTION PROCESS

All the following elections will take place during the same week of the school year during the first half of Term 1. Successful candidates will be elected from the Year 6 students only.

1. The term of office will be for twelve months unless the student transfers out of the school in a shorter time when a re-election will take place.
2. The teacher will call for nominations from Year 6 students which will be accepted.
3. Year 6 students can only nominate for one leadership position.
4. The students will vote by written secret ballot. Results are not tallied in the students' presence.
5. The principal, assistant principal, senior school coordinator and relevant teachers will tally all votes and make the final decision for the positions, taking into account the election results, their knowledge of the students concerned and any other factors.
6. The student body shall not be made aware of the numerical results of the election.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

The School Captains will be one male and one female student who the students and the teachers have selected as being worthy candidates to represent the school in an official capacity.

1. The elections will take place prior to those of S.R.C and House Captains.
2. After the election process has been conducted the Principal will contact the successful candidates' parent/s by telephone to pass on the results of the election and the parent/s will decide whether the student will accept the position.
3. The elected candidates will be informed and badges will be presented at the next whole School Assembly.

School Captain Responsibilities

- Remembrance Day Wreath laying ceremony.
- Show official visitors around on Open Day (also VIPs etc. on other special occasions)
- Make speeches at official functions.
- Announce Pupil of the Week Awards at assembly.
- Speak at Graduation Night (thanks etc.)

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• Provide leadership, motivation and positive role models for all students in all areas.
• Attend school functions in an official capacity.
• Speak/announce at the Annual School Christmas Service.

HOUSE CAPTAINS
The successful candidates will be one male and one female Year 6 student in each sporting house for the positions of House Captain and Vice House Captain who are elected by all students, from Years 3-6, as being worthy in leading their sporting team of students from Years 3 – 6.

1. The election process will take place after the elections of School Captains and S.R.C.
2. A Year 6 student may choose to stand for either position of Captain or Vice Captain simultaneously according to the appropriate gender.
3. At the close of nominations each nominated and seconded candidate shall be required to present a short speech of their worthiness and ability to fulfill the position.
4. At the completion of speeches the voting will take place by written secret ballot for each of the positions to be filled.
5. Nominated students may vote for themselves.
6. The successful candidates will be informed and badges presented at the next whole School Assembly.

House Captain Responsibilities
• Maintain and manage sports equipment.
• Assist in the running and management of equipment for house athletics.
• Assist with the Junior School Sports.
• Maintain and manage house lists.
• Provide leadership, motivation and positive role models for house sport competition.
• Show visitors around the school on Open Day.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – YEAR 6 EXECUTIVE

The successful candidates will be one male and one female elected from each Year 6 class.

1. The election process will take place after the election of School Captains.
2. Teachers and students will discuss the roles of the Executive - 2 Presidents – one male and one female, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Members of the class will vote by written secret ballot for their preferred male and female candidate.
4. The nominated students may vote for themselves.
5. The nominated candidates will be required to present a short speech
6. The successful candidates will be informed of their positions and will be presented with badges at the next whole School Assembly.

S.R.C. Executive Responsibilities
• Chair S.R.C. Meetings.
• Distribute Minutes of SRC meetings to each grade in appropriate folder.
• Provide leadership, motivation and positive role models for SRC student members.
• Announce and promote fundraising activities and results at whole School Assembly.
• Prepare articles for the newsletter on SRC activities.
• Attend SRC/Junior School Council seminar.
• Prepare resources for fundraising activities and distribute to classrooms.
• Manage and empty recycling bins.
• Show visitors around the school on Open Day.
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The successful candidates will be one male and one female student of each class who are elected by their own class members as being worthy to represent them in all issues concerning them.

1. Each class of the school will elect its own student representatives, one male and one female, on the Student Representative Council under the supervision of class teachers.
2. The term of office will be six months for all grade levels except Year 6 students who will remain in office for twelve months.
3. In composite grades consideration will be given to representation from each grade level.
4. Prep to Year 5 grades will choose two representatives for Terms 1 and 2 and a different two representatives for Terms 3 and 4.
5. Teachers and students will discuss the importance of the role and opportunities of leadership which should be shared by students.
6. The teacher will call for nominations from students within the class, which will be accepted when seconded.
7. Members of the class will vote by secret ballot for their preferred candidate (male and female). The students may vote for themselves.
8. The elected candidate will be the student who has polled the most votes for a particular position.
9. Where there is a draw, the voting will be repeated for the tied candidates only.
10. The successful candidates will be informed and presented with certificates at the next whole School Assembly.
11. The Assistant Principal will keep a record of SRC representatives each year and forward that information to class teachers prior to elections.

SRC Representatives’ Responsibilities

- Promote fund raising, raffles on behalf of SRC to the students in the grade.
- Present issues and concerns of students at SRC meetings e.g. playground improvement suggestions.
- Provide leadership, motivation and positive role models for student members.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2008