

Policy Name:	School Captains, Sport Captains and Junior School Council.
Date Adopted:	February 2016
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Referred Documents:	

RATIONALE:

Throughout the year there are school, local and community events when student representatives are asked to speak on behalf of the school or to attend functions representing the school. These events range from sporting to more formal ceremonies. All student leaders will have input into school decision-making and present the views of the students.

GOALS:

- To select students who display leadership skills (i.e. responsible, reliable, independent, cooperative students) to represent the school as school / house captains and / or Junior School Councillors.
- To provide opportunities for these specific students to further develop leadership and public speaking skills.
- For school / house captains and Junior School Councillors to be a role model for the student population.
- To enable these students to have input into the school decision making process.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- At the beginning of the year students in the senior school are nominated for positions of, School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Junior School Councillors. This is listed below:

School Captain:	1 boy 1 girl Grade 6
Vice School Captain:	1 boy 1 girl Grade 6
Senior Sport House Captain:	1 boy 1 girl Grade 6
Senior Sport Vice House Captain:	1 boy 1 girl Grade 5
Middle Sport House Captain:	1 boy 1 girl Grade 4
Middle Sport Vice House Captain:	1 boy 1 girl Grade 3
Junior School Council:	either a boy or girl from each Grade 3 to 6 classes

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

- All grade 6 students will have the opportunity to nominate for school captain.
- The list of all nominations will be displayed by the Team Leaders in the Grade 5 and 6 areas.
- Nominated students to make various presentations to either Grade 5 or 6 or both.
- Grade 5 and 6 students will vote for positions using 1, 2, 3 preference points (1 – 1st choice; 2 – 2nd choice; 3 – 3rd choice).
- Votes will be counted by Grade 5 and 6 Team Leaders using the preferential voting system.
- Students who have not shown suitable leadership qualities but who get the highest count will be eliminated. This decision will be made in consultation with the above group of teachers, other

teachers (e.g. specialists), the Principal and Assistant Principal. Students will not be informed of these decisions.

- Shortlisted students for School and Vice-Captain will present their speeches to the Principal, Assistant Principal and Leading Teacher. (Students are required to answer questions.) The final decision will be made by the Principal and Assistant Principal. (Parents of the elected students will be notified)
- Captains and Vice-Captains will be presented with badges at whole school assembly. Badges are to be worn at all times.

SPORTS CAPTAINS:

- All Grade 5 & 6 and 3 & 4 students will have the opportunity to nominate for Sport Captain or Vice-Captain.
- The list of all nominations will be displayed by the Team Leaders in the Grade 5 & 6 and 3 & 4 areas.
- Nominated students to make various presentations to the Grade 5 & 6 and 3 & 4 students.
- Grade 5 & 6 and 3 & 4 students will vote for positions using 1, 2, 3 preference points (1 – 1st choice; 2 – 2nd choice; 3 – 3rd choice).
- Votes will be counted by PE teacher/s using the preferential voting system.
- Students who have not shown suitable leadership qualities but who get the highest count will be eliminated. This decision will be made in consultation with the above group of teachers, other teachers (e.g. specialists), the Principal and Assistant Principal. Students will not be informed of these decisions.
- The male and female Grade 6 & 4 student with the most votes will be House Captain and the Grade 5 & 3 student with the most votes being the Vice-Captain (Parents of the elected students will be notified)
- Captains and Vice-Captains will be presented with badges at whole school assembly. Badges are to be worn at all times.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCILORS:

- All students in Grade 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to nominate for Junior School Councilor.
- Students who nominate may make a short presentation to their class.
- Each class will vote for positions using 1, 2, 3 preference points (1 – 1st choice; 2 – 2nd choice; 3 – 3rd choice).
- Students who have not shown suitable leadership qualities but who get the highest count will be eliminated. This decision will be made in consultation with Team Leaders and Leading Teachers.
- The student with the most votes will then be elected Junior School Council representative for their class (Parents of the elected students will be notified).
- Junior School Councils will be presented with badges at whole school assembly. Badges are to be worn at all times.

EVALUATION:

Selected students:

- are excellent representatives of the school
- model leadership qualities and school values throughout the year
- are able to make public speeches on behalf of the school

POLICY EVALUATION:

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