



# Student Leadership Policy

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## Rationale

Every child has the potential to be a leader. It is important to provide a variety of environments and experiences so that students can fulfil their leadership potential. The school has a commitment to encouraging and developing leadership qualities in all of its students by providing a range of formal and informal opportunities. Student voice acknowledges that students have unique perspectives on learning, teaching, and schooling, and should have the opportunity to actively shape their own education.

Student voice is students actively participating in their schools, communities and the education system, contributing to decision making processes and collectively influencing outcomes by putting forward their views, concerns and ideas. Student voice allows students to engage, participate, lead and learn. Students are encouraged to nominate for the different formal student leadership roles with a variety of responsibilities across the school. These positions provide students with opportunities to develop confidence and independence to experience risk-taking in a supported environment.

## Scope

This policy aims to:

- select students who display leadership skills and school values (i.e. responsible, reliable, independent, cooperative students) to represent the school as School / House Captains and / or Student Representative Council
- provide opportunities for these specific students to further develop leadership and public speaking skills
- enable all students to have input into the school decision making process.

## Implementation

In Term 4 students are nominated for positions of, School Captains, Vice Captains, and House Captains. This is listed below:

School Captain:	1/2 boy 1/2 girl (Future Year 6 student)
Vice School Captain:	1/ 2 boys 1/2 girls (Future Year 6 student)
Senior Sport House Captain:	1 boy 1 girl per house (Future Year 6 student)
Senior Sport Vice House Captain:	1 boy 1 girl Year (future Year 5 student)
Student Representative Council	1 student per classroom

### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS:**

- All Year 5 students will have the opportunity to nominate for School Captain
- The list of all nominations will be displayed by the PLT Leader in the Years 5
- Nominated students to make various presentations to either Year 5 cohort
- Year 5 students will vote for their preferred captain
- Votes will be counted by Year 5 PLT Leader
- 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, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principals. Students will not be informed of these decisions.
- Shortlisted students for School Captain will present their speeches to the Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal (4 - 6) and TLC (4/5). (Students are required to answer questions.) The final decision will be made by the Principal, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal (4-6). (Parents of the elected students will be notified)
- Captains and Vice-Captains will be presented with badges at whole school assembly at the December Year 4-6 Assembly. Badges are to be worn at all times.

### **SPORTS CAPTAINS:**

- All Year 4 - 5 students will have the opportunity to nominate for Sport Captain or Vice-Captain.
- The list of all nominations will be displayed by the PLT Leaders in the Years 4 - 5
- Nominated students to make various presentations to the Year 4 & 5 students.
- Year 4 & 5 students will vote for positions using choosing their preferred captain.
- 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, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principals. Students will not be informed of these decisions.
- The male and female Year 5 student with the most votes will be House Captain and the Year 4 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 at the end of the term 4 before commencing their role. Badges are to be worn at all times.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILORS:**

- All students in Year 2 to 6 will have the opportunity to nominate for Student Representative Councillor at the beginning of each school year
- Students who nominate may make a short presentation to their class.
- Each student will vote for their preferred SRC
- 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 PLT Leaders and TLCs.
- The student with the most votes will then be elected Student Representative Council representative for their class (Parents of the elected students will be notified).
- Student Representative Councillors will be presented with badges at whole school assembly in Term 1. Badges are to be worn at all times.

Students selected 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