



Student Leadership Agreed Practice

Rationale

All Year 6 students are considered leaders. To acknowledge this special role the Year 6 students are presented with a "LEADERSHIP" badge at the Opening School Mass. In addition, a girl and a boy from each Year 6 class are elected to the Student Representative Council (SRC). House Captains (a girl and a boy) for McKay, Florey, O'Brien and Namatjira are also elected from the Year 6 group. The Student Leadership Program gives Year 6 students the opportunity to assist staff and parents to create an atmosphere of mutual respect.

The Year 6 children are invited to nominate a leadership team (Hospitality Hosts, Happy Helpers, Green Team or Health and Wellbeing Team. Each team will elect an SRC member and a Peer Captain.

At the beginning of each year the teams will set goals and work to achieve these goals through their work each term.

Elections

Students wishing to be elected on to the SRC or as House Captains prepare and deliver a speech on:

- What they believe are the qualities of a good leader.
- How they have displayed those qualities.
- What they know about the position.
- Why they want to be elected.

Speeches should not contain idle promises. Neither are they to be seen as an opportunity to entertain. For the House Captain election, speeches are presented in the Hall to students in Years 3 to 6, who then cast a vote (Year 2 attend so they are aware of the process). Speeches for House Captains are given in House groups and all members are able to vote.

Class SRC elections are conducted at the beginning of each semester within class groups.

Expectations and Commitment

To accept the challenge of being a school leader, students (and parents)

are asked to sign a pledge. Leaders commit to being good role models for following the school rules and fulfilling responsibilities. They are asked to show others that they are responsible, kind, trustworthy, understanding and respectful.

Students wishing to be elected as SRC members and House Captains should recognise the value of being chosen. Being elected entails responsibilities beyond those of normal senior primary students. The following points may help students decide whether they are able to handle SRC or House Captain positions:

- Leaders are expected to participate in school activities. With enthusiasm, they are expected to participate in carnivals and events.
- Leaders are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times. They are sometimes called upon to greet visitors and show them around the school.
- Leaders are expected to obey school rules.
- Leaders are expected to be aware that they will sometimes miss class work. They must be prepared to make up the missed work in their own time.
- Leaders are at times and with parental consent expected to attend out of school hours functions.
- Leaders are expected to represent the student body on special occasions. They may be called on to introduce guests and to thank performers and guest speakers.
- Leaders are expected to sacrifice their own time to attend meetings.

Related Policies / Agreed Practices

Review

The St John the Apostle Student Leadership Agreed Practice is reviewed at least once each five years in line with current Registration practices. It may also be reviewed more often according to the need and educational trends.

Reviewed by:	Tracy Donnellan
Revision date:	7/5/2015
Approved by:	Tracy Donnellan
Implementation date:	2015