



Student Leadership Policy

Morningson Park Primary School 5040

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Rationale:

- School Captains are elected annually to represent the student body. These positions carry with them a great honour and will only be held by students who have proved over time they follow the school values of responsibility, cooperation, honesty, perseverance and kindness as well as demonstrating good leadership qualities.
- School Representative Council (SRC) leaders will be selected from every class each year by a voting process by the students in that class. SRC leaders are responsible for passing on information to their class
- Most students thrive when given a position of leadership and responsibility which helps to develop character strengths. All classroom teachers will set up class monitor positions (such as office monitors, whiteboard, windows, fans, notices and so on). The various responsibilities should be shared evenly amongst all students.

Aims:

- To ensure that the selection process for student leaders is completed fairly and consistently.
- To ensure that students gain positively from the positions of leadership made available within the school.

Implementation:

Selection Process

- Each December, the Senior School Coordinator will oversee the process of selection of School Captains and Curriculum Leaders.
- There will be a maximum of four School Captains selected depending on numbers and applicants.
- Other leadership positions will be available depending on the needs of the school each year.
- Incoming Year 5 students may only be nominated for positions of leadership if it is considered that the school does not have enough students in Year 6 to effectively and responsibly uphold these positions.
- Students may nominate themselves for a specific position and write a speech for that position, alternatively students may wish to give a general speech for consideration for numerous roles. Students will present a speech to a panel of staff.
- The panel of staff will make a decision based on speeches and past history of each student. This will then be taken to all staff for consultation before a decision is made.
- All students will be advised that they must have previously demonstrated the qualities required of a leader as described in the rationale.

- Successful candidates for School Captain positions will be entitled and expected to present an acceptance speech to all students at an assembly.
- The result of any poll is to be kept confidential and will need to be ratified by the Principal and Staff.
- Parents of successful candidates will be notified and invited to the presentation of badges ceremony.
- Results will be published in the newsletter
- Unsuccessful candidates will be notified and acknowledged for their effort
- Students elected to leadership positions may have this honour withdrawn if their behaviour, sense of responsibility or ability to lead sensibly does not meet school expectations.

Leadership Positions

These are the leadership positions usually offered at Mornington park Primary School. At times positions may be deleted or added depending on the needs of the school.

- School Captains
- Music
- SRC
- Environment,
- SWPBS & Community
- Sport
- ICT
- Craft
- Radio

Leadership Responsibilities

- Running assemblies (Training required)
- Regular meetings with Assistant Principal
- Writing articles for the school newsletter
- Assistance with sporting events
- Assistance with special events such as Open Nights, concerts, footy day, fund raisers such as barbecues and free dress days
- Support for keeping the yard clean, tidy and incident free

Expectations of all Students in Leadership Positions

- Be a good role model for other students
- To work as a team
- To be seen in correct school uniform and wear it with pride each normal school day
- Promotion of excellence
- Demonstrate good leadership to others
- Demonstrate caring for all students in the school
- Participate in school events positively
- Be an Ambassador for the School
- All roles and responsibilities of student leaders are not optional and refusal to attend or participate in said event, may jeopardise the leaders tenure of that position