Jesus is the primary model for Christian leaders that is one of service and voice. Student Leadership are students actively participating in their school and community by contributing to decision making processes and collectively influencing outcomes by putting forward their views, concerns and ideas. Student leadership allows students to engage, participate, lead and learn. Towards the end of each school year the school appoints four students as School House Captains for the following school year. There will be one House Captain for house teams; McAuley, Chisolm, Morrison and O’Rouke.

**ROLE:**

To represent the school on significant occasions and to carry out a variety of leadership roles and responsibilities. Each School House Captain will maintain a high level of commitment throughout the year to promote, encourage and motivate their ‘house team’ by being a role model for other students. House Captain responsibilities are to:

- Represent the interests of their House
- Lead the House in school activities
- Encourage healthy competition and model good sportsmanship
- Assist the PE teacher and school staff in sport related matters

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- To be part of the School Representative Council
- Meet regularly with the School Representative Council
- Read out the sports results at whole school assembly
- Take a leading role in House meetings and give own time during recess and lunch to meet these requirements
- Be prepared to initiate, organise and run House activities
- Organise and encourage participation of students in events for House Athletics carnivals
- Speak occasionally at School Assembly
- Assist at other school functions as required

**CRITERIA for NOMINATION:**

Each candidate:

- Must be a student entering their final year of primary school education
- Able to work with School Leadership, School Captains, SRC, JSRC and other House Captains
Must be a suitable role model in the areas of attitude, school spirit and conduct thus promoting our school rules and wearing the uniform by example

- Ability to perform with confidence the qualities required of a school leader that possess respect, responsibility and resilience
- Should possess other appropriate leadership qualities (e.g. self-confidence and respect for peers) although these can be nurtured as part of the leadership role
- Family must approve the nomination
- Able to coordinate and organise school activities e.g. lunch time activities for House Team
- Provide classes with sport equipment and regularly update sporting results at assemblies

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Parents are requested to consider that their support to the student is crucial for them to be successful in the role. Parents are expected to assist their child in fulfilling their duties while maintaining academic progress.

APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES:

- Principal and Deputy address all senior students to explain criteria and expectations
- All eligible students are given an opportunity to nominate themselves for consideration as a potential leader – (nominations are presented to the class teacher on an official nomination form)
- Students complete a nomination form for the Leadership Role for which they wish to be considered.
- Students will be provided with a copy of the House Captain Policy on request
- Students prepare and deliver a 2-minute speech to the staff and their peers in fourth term on the topic "Leadership at St Patrick’s"

ELECTION OF SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS:

- A list of nominees for House Captains is compiled by the senior teaching staff
- Students from Years 4 & 5 gather in their ‘House Groups’ listen to the various speeches and are asked to vote for a representative for their ‘House Team’. Speeches will be taped for staff only.
- The results are collated, and the leaders are selected based on their speeches and how they have shown leadership over time. The weighting of the voting system will be approximately 40% students and 60% staff
- Once approved, the announcement and formal public ‘commissioning’ of the successful candidates occurs at a whole school assembly during which the School House Captains receive their team badges (a formal notice is also placed in the school newsletter)