



# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP – SCHOOL CAPTAIN POLICY**

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. The school appoints one male and one female school captain, for the following school year. They are our student leaders who are role models for others and have opportunities to use their gifts and talents in leadership roles. The School Captain position involves being a voice for the students and a face for St. Patrick's School.

School captains will need to show an overall commitment to all three aspects of leadership in Social Justice, the Environment, and Photography / Media that makes up our (Student Representative Council) SRC. School Captains will need to mentor with the support of a staff member six students in year 4 and six students in year 5 that make up the Junior Student Representative Council (JSRC). School Captains are part of the SRC and leaders of the JSRC.

### ***ROLE***

To represent the school on significant occasions and to carry out a variety of leadership roles and responsibilities (e.g. co-chair the SRC) while focusing on the following leadership habits of the mind:

1. Speak Up
2. Step Up
3. Have a Go
4. Think Team
5. Show the Way

School Captains will meet regularly to discuss issues of importance to the children of our school. School Captains will be required to speak with a range of adults in the school and community and lead other students. Some of the responsibilities include:

- Presenting Student of the Week certificates at whole school assemblies
- Acting as Tour Guides for visitors to the school on important occasions Days / Evenings and school celebrations
- Organising fundraising events to support various charities / special causes
- Representing St. Patrick's School at special ceremonies (e.g. ANZAC Day)
- Consulting with other students and reporting school-based concerns to the SRC
- Planning for the improvement of school facilities

### ***CRITERIA for NOMINATION***

- Each candidate must be a student in their final year of primary school education
- Each candidate must be a suitable role model in the living out of Gospel values and regular practise of our Catholic Faith, as well as demonstrating a positive attitude motivated by our Vision Statement and school spirit
- Each candidate and their family must approve an expression of interest
- Each candidate should possess appropriate leadership qualities although these can be nurtured as part of the leadership role. These include but not limited to:
  1. Ability to clearly articulate with confidence the qualities required of a school leader
  2. Ability to demonstrate personal leadership qualities that involves initiative
  3. Ability to demonstrate a pride in the school
  4. Ability to demonstrate respect for students, teachers and adults
  5. Ability to demonstrate being a good role model to other students
  6. An understanding of being a representative of other students
  7. Ability to demonstrate initiative and generate ideas

### ***DUTIES***

May include the following but not limited to:

- Welcome new students, parents and visitors to the school especially on important occasions Days / Evenings and school celebrations
- Regular meetings with the Principal and Deputy Principal (once a term)
- Host school assemblies and give reports

- Be a role model for other students and be respectful of their position
- Be pro-active in playground issues
- Coordinate and organise some school activities including during lunch and recess times
- Represent the school at official occasions
- Display and accept responsibility – use initiative
- Meet regularly to discuss roles, duties and learn leadership strategies
- Fundraising for those marginalised in our community and world

### ***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***

- Students will be provided with a copy of the School Captain Policy on request
- Expressions of interest are presented to the Parish Priest, School Executive and staff for approval
- Applications will not be accepted after the closing date and time
- Once a list of nominees has been finalised, candidates will be short listed based on the criteria and then give a speech to the current year level, current year level staff and School Executive
- A list of nominees will be finalised on their speech and will be interviewed by the Parish Priest and School Executive
- The announcement of the successful candidates will occur via the school newsletter, while a formal public 'commissioning' of School Captains will take place at a whole school assembly and again at the first whole school Mass at the beginning of the new school year