Park Ridge Primary School  
Student Leadership Policy  
June, 2016

Rationale

Students at Park Ridge Primary School are encouraged to express a voice, and are contributors to the leadership of the school. Our school believes encouraging student leadership ensures we are developing our community leaders of the future.

At Park Ridge Primary School, Student leadership:

1. Promotes engagement, belonging and ownership in students;
2. Enables confidence and leadership skills to be developed;
3. Supports the development of responsible behaviours;
4. Provides the opportunity for students to act as effective role models for the student body; and
5. Enables a student voice to be considered in school decision making processes.

There are a variety of leadership positions that provide opportunities for a range of student interests and skills. The House system coincides with leadership roles and is a means of developing and encouraging team spirit and co-operation among children throughout the school. All students elected into leadership positions will be awarded a badge displaying their name, and the title of their leadership position.

Aim

- To support the development of leadership and confidence skills in Park Ridge Primary School students
- To provide opportunities for students to play a significant and effective role in the decision-making processes of our school
- To provide an opportunity for students to become skilled in all aspects of leadership
- To ensure that student leaders are positive role models for other students
- To create a whole school community where every member feels their contribution is valuable.
Implementation

- A Junior School Council will be constituted annually
- Student representatives will be invited to attend and present to School Council meetings on a regular basis
- Feedback and consultation will be implemented to ensure the views of the whole student body are being considered
- The school will provide opportunities for the student leadership team to undertake leadership professional development
- Each student leadership team will be provided with a staff member to act as a mentor to the group
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leadership team to practise their leadership skills in a variety of forums
- The student leadership team will contribute to and assist with running all school assemblies
- Develop a Student Leadership Code of Conduct Expectations with the student leadership group to which the student leaders will follow. This is to be completed annually.

House Leadership Roles – Grade 6 Students:
- There are four Houses at Park Ridge Primary School:
  1. Flintoff (Red);
  2. Curry (Gold);
  3. Border (Green); and
  4. Lexcen (Blue).
- Students are randomly allocated to each House upon arrival at Park Ridge Primary School, with siblings being placed in the same House.
- The following student leadership roles exist within each House:
  1. House Captains – two boys and two girls, as elected by students from Grades 4 and 5, in the year prior; and
  2. House Vice Captains – two boys and two girls, as elected by students from Grades 4 and 5, in the year prior.
- House meetings will be held on a regular basis under the supervision of nominated House teachers. House Captains are responsible for managing the affairs of their designated House teams, as well as for team selections, equipment preparation, and result records for all competitions.
- Students can apply for house leadership positions through a nomination and voting process and are elected by the Principal.

School Leadership Roles – Grade 6 Students:
- The following student leadership roles exist within and are elected annually at Park Ridge Primary School:
  1. School Captains – one boy and one girl, as elected by students from Grade 4 and Grade 5, in the year prior.
  2. School Vice Captains – one boy and one girl, as elected by students from Grade 4 and Grade 5, in the year prior.
- All School Captains and Vice Captains will attend the Knox Network Leadership Course at the beginning of the school year.
- Students can apply for these leadership positions through an application, shortlisting and interview process and are elected by the Principal team.

Other Leadership Roles – Grade 6 Students:
- Other leadership roles available to Grade 6 students can include:
1. Media Liaison;
2. Environmental Leaders for Sustainability (ELFS);
3. Techsperts (technical support for Digital Technologies);
4. Performing Arts;
5. Lost Property;
6. Visual Arts;
7. Languages Other Than English (LOTE);
8. House Points;
9. Occupational Health and Safety;
10. Accomplished Gardeners; and
11. Student Liaison and School Communications (SLSC).

- Students can apply for these leadership positions through an application and interview process and are elected by a panel including the Year 6 Learning Leader, a member of the Principal team and one School Council representative from Park Ridge Primary School.

Leadership Roles – Pre Year 6 Students:
- The following leadership roles are available to students in years below Grade 6:
  1. Junior School Council Representatives (JSC)
- These positions are elected by students in each grade throughout the school from Year 1 to 6, with the School Captains being the leaders of the Junior School Council.

All Leadership Positions are reviewed in October in every school year and adjusted to meet the changing needs of the school.

**Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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