Rationale

Student leadership provides an opportunity for students to actively participate in the decision-making processes at our school. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles in an endeavour to increase their own leadership skills, act as effective role models for the student body and offer responsible service to their school and peers.

Aims

- 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 provide a democratic forum where all students are represented by a peer leader.
- To demonstrate and uphold the school’s values.

Implementation

- A Student Leadership Team will be established consisting of:
  - two school captains (one girl and one boy) and four vice-captains (two girls and two boys) from Year 5 for Year 6;
  - six house captains (three girls and three boys) from Year 5 for Year 6 and six vice-captains (three girls and three boys) from Year 4 for Year 5;
  - one girl and one boy from each class as representatives on the Student Representative Council (SRC); and
  - two students from each class as representatives on the Environment Team (E Team).
- The Student Leadership Team will be provided with staff members to act as coordinators and mentors to the various groups.
  - Captains and vice-captains: Principal
  - Sports captains and vice-captains: Sports coordinator/s
  - SRC: SRC coordinator/s
  - E Team: E Team coordinator/s

School captains and vice-captains

- Nomination process – to be held in November each year and to be coordinated by the SRC coordinator/s.
- Students will not be eligible if they have been on detention in the previous semester.
- Interested year 5 students will self-nominate and complete an application for school leadership indicating evidence of:
  - school representation and/or participation in the wider school;
  - school leadership; and
  - upholding the school's values.
- Staff will also keep student records throughout the year relating to the above points.
- Peer evaluations will also be encouraged.
- The Student Welfare Committee will consider all applications and view all evidence.
- Eight boys and eight girls will be chosen to stand for nomination.
- Nominated students will submit a short paragraph supporting their election.
- Student photos and statements will be included on voting sheets.
- Students in Years 3-5 and teachers will vote for captains and vice captains with the nos. 1, 2 and 3 placed against the students of their choice. A preferential voting system will be used.
- Students will be informed of their election to the student leadership team on finalisation of the proceedings.
- School captains and vice-captains will be members of the SRC.
House captains and vice-captains
- Nomination process – to be held after school captain elections have been finalised.
- Interested year 5 (for captain) and year 4 (for vice) students who have not been on detention during the second semester will be eligible for nomination.
- School captains and vice-captains will not be eligible to stand for nomination.
- At house meetings, students may be peer or self-nominated for the position of captain or vice-captain.
- Students who have accepted nomination will present a short impromptu speech.
- Students in years 3-5 will vote for a boy and girl and captain and vice-captain in each house. Voting will be carried out in a discreet manner by a show of hands. (Children to close eyes, put heads down. Nominated students to turn away from group.)
- House captains and vice-captains will not be members of the SRC.

Inductions of school and house captains and vice-captains will take place at the annual Presentation Evening.

Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Students who have been on detention in the previous semester will not be eligible to stand for election.
- In kindergarten to year 2, membership on the SRC is restricted to one semester only. Students elected on the SRC in one year cannot stand for election again until year 3.
- In years 3 and 4, membership on the SRC is restricted to one semester only. Students on the SRC in year 3 cannot stand for election in year 4.
- In years 5 and 6, students may be elected for one semester in each year.
- In semester 1, students in years 1-6 will elect one girl and one boy from each class by secret ballot.
- In semester 2, students in K-6 will elect one girl and one boy from each class by secret ballot.

Environment Team (E Team)
- In years 1-6, membership on the E Team will be for one semester. In kindergarten, students will not be elected until semester 2.
- In each class, interested students may self-nominate for membership on the E Team.
- If there are more than two interested students, students will elect members by secret ballot.
- There is no restriction to length of membership on the E Team.
- The E Team will have representatives on the SRC.

Induction of students elected on the SRC and the E Team will take place at a weekly assembly early in terms 1 and 3.

- Any student leader who on a number of occasions does not comply with class and/or school rules (or for exceptional circumstances), or who does not attend meetings without good reason will have his/her position rescinded.
- SRC meetings will be held in Weeks 3 and 8 of each term and when required. Captain and vice-captain meetings and house captain and vice-captain meetings will be held at least once a term and when required.
- A process of feedback and consultation will be implemented through class SRC boxes to ensure that the views of the whole student body are being considered.
- Class teachers will provide opportunities for SRC representatives to report back to students at class meetings.
- The school will provide opportunities for the student leadership team to undertake leadership training.
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leadership team to practise their leadership skills in a variety of ways.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed at the end of 2012.