

HAMILTON NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Leadership Policy

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 and to act as effective role models for the student body.

Our school believes encouraging student leadership ensures we are developing our community leaders of the future. Leadership is not confined to those who are badge holders. The school believes that all students should be encouraged to show leadership in different contexts.

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 create a whole school community where every member feels their contribution is valuable.

Implementation:

- The school will, by process of student vote from grades 4,5 and 6 and staff consultation elect two school captains each year (one male, one female). Those applying will be asked to provide a letter of application and to give a short speech to students and teachers on why they should be selected as School Captain. This process is to be completed in term 4 of the preceding year.
- A boy and a girl will also be selected as House Captains. Students will be asked to provide a letter of application. Members of each House will vote for their preferred choice. This process is to be completed in term 4 of the preceding year.
- An Art Captain and Music Captain will also be elected/ selected from Grade 6 and ratified by the Art and Music teachers in partnership with the Principal.
- A Junior Student Council will be constituted annually. This will consist of 2 representatives from each year level from grades 3-6, in addition to School Captains. Members will be elected by student vote. Process to be completed in term 1. Students cannot serve consecutive years.
- Student representatives will be invited to provide reports for School Council.
- A process of feedback and consultation will be implemented to ensure that the views of the whole student body are being considered.
- A “Green Team” will also be elected from Grade grades 3-6. A boy and girl member will be elected from each year level by student vote. Process to be completed in term 1
- The school will provide opportunities where possible for the student leadership team to undertake leadership professional development.
- Students will be actively encouraged to participate in community events.
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leadership team to practice their leadership skills in a variety of forums.

- The student leadership team will be given the opportunity to lead school assemblies..
- The student leadership team will when appropriate contribute articles to the school newsletter and magazine.
- Where possible students can only hold one “badged” leadership position in any given year.
- The student leadership team will be provided with an appropriate current staff member to act as mentor to the group.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....