

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

POLICY – TAWONGA PRIMAR SCHOOL

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.

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:

- A Student Representative Council will be constituted annually.
- The school will, by process of student vote, elect two school captains each year (one male, one female). This may vary depending on low student numbers in some year levels. The teachers and principal will have the deciding vote.
- Student representatives will be invited to participate on School Council.
- A process of feedback and consultation will be implemented to ensure that 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.
- The school captains will be invited to participate in the Network leadership camp held annually. Other places will be sought and these will be allocated on the grounds of expressions of interest. Teachers and the Principal will determine additional places on the grounds of merit i.e. leadership qualities.
- Students will be actively encouraged to participate in community based student leadership development programs with the full support of the school.
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leadership team to practice their leadership skills in a variety of forums.
- The student leadership team will conduct of at least one school assembly per term.
- The student leadership team will be invited on a regular basis to present at School Council meetings on issues as raised by the student body.
- The student leadership team will contribute regular articles to the school newsletter.

Evaluation:

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

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

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