

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICY

Laburnum Primary School

Rationale:

Every child has the potential to be a leader given the right set of circumstances and environment. It is important to provide a variety of environments and experiences so that children can fulfill their leadership potential. The school has a commitment to encouraging and developing leadership qualities in all our students by providing a range of formal and informal opportunities. Classroom programs use the school values to establish a positive classroom environment. These values are used as the basis for selection into the different leadership roles. Students are encouraged to nominate for the different formal student leadership roles with a variety of responsibilities across the school. These positions provide students with opportunities to develop confidence and independence and to experience risk-taking in a supported environment.

Aims:

- To develop personal and social capability in students
- To develop leadership abilities in students
- To provide students with leadership opportunities in a range of different fields both curricular and extracurricular

Implementation:

- Teaching, assessment and reporting of the personal and social capability (<http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/personal-and-social-capability/introduction/rationale-and-aims>) will be a focus of educational programs from Foundation to Year 6 with appropriate context at each year level.
- Opportunities for student leadership roles will be available to all children across all levels of the school, i.e. JSC, Green Team.
- Teachers will monitor the fair distribution of leadership roles within the classroom, i.e. monitors.
- The selection of formal student leadership positions will be conducted for School Captains, House Captains, Library Leaders, Science Leaders, ICT Leaders, Green Team Leaders, Concert band Leader, String Ensemble Leader, JSC Representatives and Green Team Members.
- The Principal will have the final say in the selection/appointment of student leaders.
- It is expected that student leaders will abide by the school expectations and represent the student body fairly and diligently.
- Formal presentations will be made for badge distribution with invitations made to parents.
- Student Leaders will be encouraged to wear their badge as part of their school uniform.
- Where possible an invitation will be issued to an appropriate guest speaker to attend the School and House Captain Presentation.
- Prospective student leaders (Year 6 positions) will be supported by teachers with the nomination and selection process.
- Student leaders will be provided with suitable responsibilities and training to enhance and support their role.

Evaluation:

The school council will evaluate this policy in accordance with School Council recommendations and DET guidelines, and through feedback from teachers, parents, and students as part of the three year cycle of policy reviews.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in:

September 2016