



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Leadership Policy

Rationale:

Student leadership provides opportunities for students to participate in the decision-making processes and day to day operation of 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 and day to day operation of our school.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop skills in aspects of leadership.
- To ensure that student leaders are positive role models for other students.
- To create a school community where student leaders feel their contribution is valued.

Implementation:

- A Junior School Council will be constituted annually with representatives from Year 3 to Year 6 students with peers voting in each grade.
- The school will elect two School Captains each year.
- The selection process for school captain will involve a written application, short-listing of suitable candidates by appropriate staff (e.g. Principal / Assistant Principal / PLC Leaders), interviews by a panel of appropriate staff. Short listed School Captain applicants will be appointed to the leadership team.
- The School will elect students for various roles each year for the student leadership team.
- The selection process for the remaining Student Leadership Team positions will involve a written application, short-listing of suitable candidates by appropriate staff e.g. Principal / Assistant Principal, PLC leaders and teaching staff. Leadership speeches are presented by shortlisted applicants. Year 4 to Year 5 students vote with final decision presented to Principal.
- The School will conduct a buddy program each year.
- Peer mediators will be selected and trained annually.
- A process of feedback and consultation will be implemented to ensure that the views of the student body are being considered.

- The school will provide opportunities for students to undertake leadership training.
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leaders to practice their leadership skills in a variety of forums.
- The student leaders will assist in conducting school assemblies.
- The student leaders will contribute articles to the school newsletter and yearbook.
- The student leaders will be provided with appropriate staff members to act as mentors.

Review:

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