

ST EUPHEMIA COLLEGE

K-12



STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICY

2014

1. Policy Statement

St Euphemia College aims to enhance and extend the skills of students as youth leaders and to inspire students to reach their full leadership potential through the total curriculum and the many varied activities of school life.

2. Applicability

This Policy applies to all staff and students of St Euphemia College.

3. Context/Rationale

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow and as teachers we have an obligation to train and prepare them for this task. St Euphemia College runs a variety of leadership programs to prepare the students for the challenges of tomorrow. We do this through programs such as the High School Student Representative Council(SRC), Peer Support program, the Prefect Body and House Captain initiatives.

Student leadership involves student input in recognising and acknowledging the contribution they make as role models to leadership and decision making within the School. This entails representing student ideas/concerns and helping to make improvements with the School community.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Responsibility of the Principal/Delegated Authority

The Principal/Delegated Authority is expected to:

- ensure implementation of the Student Leadership Policy
- provide the necessary resources for the conducting of leadership programs
- facilitate the professional development of staff in relation to student leadership
- monitor and review all election procedures.

Responsibility of the SRC Coordinator/Prefect Body Coordinator

The SRC Coordinator/Prefect Body Coordinator is expected to:

- ensure that any directive of the Principal or Director of Primary School in regards to the SRC is enacted upon and adhered to
- liaise between the SRC, staff and the Principal/Delegated Authority
- act as adviser and provide direction for the SRC
- ensure that SRC representatives are aware of their duties and obligations as outlined in the SRC CODE OF CONDUCT/ PREFECT BODY CODE OF CONDUCT
- facilitate and ensure the running of SRC meetings on a regular basis throughout the school year
- conduct the nominations and elections of the School Captains and Vice Captains, Prefects and SRC representatives
- provide advice and assistance in the running of any SRC sponsored events
- ensure rostered duties are carried out in the required manner.

Responsibility of Staff

The Staff is expected to:

- encourage students to take an active part in the College
- support leadership programs in the College
- assist and provide support during events run by the Prefect Body/SRC

- impartially vote in the election process
- refrain from actively seeking support in the School community for particular student nominations.

Responsibility of the Year Coordinators

The Year Coordinators are expected to:

- train Peer Support Leaders in their Year
- support leadership initiatives in the College
- make recommendations to the Principal/Delegated Authority regarding the selection of Peer Support Leaders.
- organise the Year 6 visit
- organise year camps and year excursions.

Responsibility of Students

The students are expected to:

- improve the quality of student life
- make a difference in the school and wider community
- enhance the safe and secure school environment
- represent student justice issues in the School community
- be proactive in enforcing the school rules at all times on campus and relevant times off campus
- act as ambassadors for the College in the wider School community
- participate enthusiastically in College activities.

5. Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Requirements

The Principal/Delegated Authority, the SRC Coordinator and the Primary School Prefect Body Coordinator will monitor and review the student leadership election process that takes place in the School. This will entail counselling students, receiving nominations, supervising election procedures, scrutinising student tallies and informing students of the outcomes.

6. Policy Review

This Policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary.