



Dandaragan Primary School

Student Leadership Policy

Dandaragan Primary School values student voice and leadership.

Year six students may stand for the leadership roles.

Each year we elect two school captains. We also elect two faction captains and two vice captains for each faction. In the circumstance that we have fewer students than roles we will have less captains.

No more than 50% of students can be school captains unless there is only one student. I.E. if there are two or three students in the class only one school captain will be chosen.

When only one student misses out on a role, there will be an additional faction vice-captain. Students are chosen regardless of gender, e.g. we can have two boy captains or two girl captains.

All year 5/6 students form the Student Council.

Procedures

Early term 4 student leadership elections are held. Students who wish to have a leadership role must make a speech in front of students (PP- 6) and staff. Students make separate speeches for school captain and faction captain. The school captain speeches are made to the whole school. The faction captain speeches are made to their faction. Students may choose not to stand for a leadership role.

Students and staff can all vote with equal weight given to all votes.

No gifts or lollies may be given to the voters during elections.

The principal (or delegate) counts the votes confidentially – students with the most 1st votes win the position and in the case of a draw 2nd votes are counted.

School captains are counted first and the winners become ineligible to be faction captains or vice captains unless the number of students permits. Any other students in the faction have priority for the roles available.

Roles are announced and badges presented at the school Awards Night and Concert.

If a new year six student enrolls the following year and not all positions are filled, they will be offered the opportunity to make a speech and take on an empty position at the discretion of the staff.

In the circumstance where we only have one or two year sixes, year fives will be given the opportunity to be faction captains and vice captains.

Responsibilities

- School Captains represent the school at interschool events. E.g. accepting awards, shields etc. They make thank you speeches on behalf of the school.
- Faction captains and vice captains help during sporting events and lessons. They are permitted onto the field during team games at the faction athletics carnival to help guide their team.
- Winning faction captains accept the shield at the faction carnival and make a thank you speech.
- Student council meetings are held a minimum of once each term. Students share ideas and suggestions for whole school events, fundraisers and PBS rewards.
- Student councillors run the assemblies.
- School captains and faction captains thank visitors to the school, presenters on excursions and camps.
- Student leaders set a good example by displaying the school values. They help younger students when needed and support staff at whole school events by displaying leadership.
- Student leaders can help organise and run special days e.g. cooking, setting up activities, making games.

Loss of Captaincy

Students will lose the privilege of their leadership role if they lose their good standing. The student and parents will need to meet with the principal once good standing is reinstated to discuss the requirements to regain the role. A second loss of good standing will mean permanent loss of the role.