

# STUDENT VOICE

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

The prime function of schools is to provide quality education for students. It is fitting that students therefore have a voice in the function and direction of their school. Formal processes will therefore exist to provide opportunities for students to express their views, and to have them heard.

### **Aims:**

To provide formal processes for students to effectively voice their opinions and have input into school direction and day-to-day decision making.

### **Implementation:**

- All year 6 students become the school representatives/Captains for the corresponding year.
- Each year 6 Captain is responsible for a range of school roles
- Opportunities will exist for all students to express ideas to the years 6 Captains.
- The year 6 Captains will be responsible for a regular column in the newsletter, focussing on student initiatives, achievements and school improvements.
- The year 6 Captains will also seek regular input from the student body about student behaviour, student excellence and improvement initiatives.
- Year 6 Captains representatives and other student leaders will be provided with opportunities to attend leadership development courses.
- Year 6 Captains will play a critical role in each student assembly including the reading of reports, presentation of student awards and introduction of guests to the school.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all year 6 Captains and School Council as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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

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