



# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LAURIETON DIOCESE OF LISMORE

## Student Leadership Policy

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**Rationale:**

Student leadership provides an opportunity for students to have a voice in the decision-making processes at 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.

**Scope:**

- To provide opportunities for students to play a role in the decision making processes of our school.
- To provide an opportunity for students to become skilled in all aspects of leadership.
- To ensure that student leaders are positive role models for other students.
- To create a whole school community where students feel their contribution is valuable.

**Principles and Procedures:**

- Each year in December a girl and a boy school captain will be elected using a preferential voting system. Only children in Year 5 are eligible to stand. All year 5 students are eligible to stand provided their behaviour is acceptable to the Principal.
- In January-February each year Children in Year 6 will be eligible to stand for election for the positions of Girls and Boys House Captains. These positions will be elected at House meetings called for this purpose.
- All other children in Year 6 will be designated as School Leaders as long as their behaviour is acceptable to the Principal.
- At the Beginning School Mass each year the Captains, House Captains and School Leaders will be presented with a badge after they have been inducted into these positions.
- The Year 6 children will be given the opportunity to volunteer to lead, with the support of a teacher a committee. Student Committees will be decided upon by the Year 6 students and may include Sports and Games, Environment, Missions and Charities and Student Welfare.
- The school will provide opportunities for the student leadership team to undertake leadership professional development.
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leadership team to practice their leadership skills in a variety of forums. Eg. Peer Support, Buddy Reading, Kinder Buddies.
- Teachers in all classes will hold class meetings to gauge needs and wants from a student's perspective at least once a term. These concerns will be brought to staff meetings for discussion or action.