

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Rationale:

- The appointment of school house captains and vice-captains is consistent with our school's leadership development practices, provides a focus for student representation, and promotes our school positively to school visitors and at important sporting occasions.

Aims:

- Students from each of the school's four sporting houses will elect two school house captains and two vice-captains each year to represent them at major sporting events and similar house related activities.

Implementation:

- Two house captains and two house vice-captains will be elected by all year three to six students in each of the school's four sporting houses during the first month of each school year.
- All students who wish to be considered for house captain or vice-captain positions must formally nominate themselves using the nomination form available.
- Nominees must present a brief address to all students in the respective sporting houses from year three to six indicating why they should be elected.
- A formal secret ballot election will occur, and will be coordinated by teaching staff.
- Staff will refer the election results to the principal, who will consider the election results and make the final appointments.
- The principal will announce the election results at an assembly of the whole school.
- Elected captains and vice-captains will be required to make a brief victory speech, will receive badges, and will be photographed for the school newsletter and other purposes.
- House captains and vice-captains will undertake leadership training.
- House captains and vice-captains will typically assist the PE teachers to prepare for events, will assist in the coordination of their team members, will make speeches to audiences at assemblies or on house days, will present house awards at assemblies, and above all else, will consistently set an example of sportsmanship and fair play that their team members can respect and seek to emulate.
- House captains and vice-captains can be removed from duty by the principal for misconduct, particularly if the behaviour relates to poor sportsmanship, poor representation of the school at house events or similar. Should this unlikely event occur, the principal will appoint a replacement office bearer who will be presented with the appropriate badge, leadership opportunities, and responsibilities.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.