

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

POLICY

Rationale:

Student leadership provides an opportunity for students to actively participate 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 provide effective role models for the student body.

St Pius X High School, Adamstown, believes that encouraging student leadership ensures we are developing our community leaders of the future.

Through performing their roles as leaders, students are presented with opportunities to develop their:

- Responsibility
- Public speaking abilities
- Self-confidence
- Organisation skills
- Teamwork skills

At St Pius, we encourage our student leaders to develop “can do” attitudes where they are prepared to:

- Step up
- Speak up
- Have a go
- Think team
- Lead the way

At St Pius, we believe that we must continually strive to provide student leaders with quality experiences which enhance their leadership abilities and skills.

Aims:

- To provide opportunities for students to play a significant and effective 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 every member feels their contribution is valuable.

Implementation:

- School Captains, Vice Captains & House Captains will be elected each year according to procedures approved by the School Executive. These students must be Year 10 students in their year of service as student leaders.
- The House Coordinators will act as mentors for these student leaders.

- A Student Representative Council (SRC) will be constituted annually according to procedures approved by the School Executive. The SRC will include equal student membership from all Years – 7 to 10 inclusive.
- A staff member (or more) will be appointed by the School Executive to act as mentor for the SRC. This person will be responsible for ensuring the training of the SRC members in the running of formal meetings and in other leadership skill areas deemed appropriate and necessary.
- Peer Support Leaders will be selected according to procedures approved by the School Executive. These students must be Year 10 students in their year of service as leaders. A staff member (usually a House Coordinator) will be appointed to act as a mentor for these students.
- Leaders will be selected for our St Vincent de Paul Group according to procedures approved by the School Executive. The teacher(s) in charge of this group will act as mentor(s) for these students.
- The school will provide opportunities for all student leaders to undertake leadership professional development.
- Students will be actively encouraged to participate in community based student leadership development programs as these occur, with the full support of the school.
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leaders to practice their leadership skills in a variety of forums.
- The School Captains and Vice Captains will conduct school assemblies when they occur.
- The student leaders will be entitled and encouraged to present at staff briefings, staff meetings and P&F meetings on issues raised by the student body.
- The student leaders will be encouraged to contribute regular articles to the school newsletter.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed with student input as part of the school's five-year SEVDEV cycle.