



# NEWTOWN STATE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROCESS 2020

## SCHOOL LEADERS

Participation in the Newtown State School school leadership program is open but voluntary to students who will be in Year Six in 2020. Students who participate will be eligible to nominate for the positions of School Captain, School Vice-Captain, School Music Captain, Technology Captain, House Captain and Environmental Team Captain. Each student usually holds just one leadership position, however, in 2020 this may be extended to two, due to a smaller cohort of year 6 students. Selection is based on merit (not gender). Leaders are expected to fulfil certain responsibilities during the year.

### Criteria for Selection:

- Demonstrates capability for leadership
- Maintains regular attendance at school
- Consistently demonstrates responsible behaviour in accordance with the school's values and expectations
- Demonstrates personal accountability for actions
- Demonstrates honesty, reliability and commitment
- Demonstrates personal and social capability by regulating emotions, communicating appropriately and working well with others
- Maintains expected presentation; wears correct school uniform

Year 6 students indicate which roles they are nominating for and prepare a speech that outlines their strengths and how they believe that they are the best person for those roles. Students present these speeches to the year 6 cohort, year 6 teachers and members of the school leadership team. Staff then vote to determine shortlisted candidates. The following is a guide as to the number of shortlisted candidates for each position.

- School Captain and School Vice-Captain (8 in total)
- House Captains (12)
- School Music Captain (4)
- Technology Captain (4)
- Environmental Team Captain (4)

Shortlisted students then present their speech to all students and teachers of years 3 – 6 and the school leadership team. Students are then asked to vote for the position of School Captain and Vice-Captain. candidates. The principal informs the year 6 student group of successful candidates in these positions. Those unsuccessful year 6 students are then able to be considered for other positions and another vote takes place. The results of these elections determine the 2020 School Leaders.

The principal informs the year 6 student group of successful candidates. The principal telephones the parents of the School, House, Music, Technology and Environmental Team Captains. A letter of congratulations is sent home for all appointees. Notification of the appointments is made in the newsletter. Badges will be presented at the School Leadership Ceremony to follow.

## OTHER STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The Student Representative Council consists of two elected representatives from each class from years 3 to 6. The role of the Student Council is to provide a forum within which students can meet regularly to identify and discuss school issues that are relevant to them. The students then plan what action they will take to address these issues and how they might go about involving the rest of the school community.

The Student Council also provides the opportunity to make a contribution at the community level, encouraging participation in events that will raise funds for a nominated charitable organisation.

Teachers of students years 3 – 5 conduct elections with their class. Voting is by secret ballot (rather than show of hands). The number of votes for each student is not disclosed. This position may only be held once during a student's time at Newtown State School.

#### **ENVIROMENTAL TEAM**

The school Environmental Team consists of two elected representatives from each class from years 3 to 5 and two elected captains in year 6. The role of the Environmental Team is to provide a forum within which students can meet regularly to identify and discuss school environmental issues and plan what action they will take to address these issues and how they might go about involving the rest of the school community.

Teachers of students years 3 – 5 conduct elections with their class. Voting is by secret ballot (rather than show of hands). The number of votes for each student is not disclosed. This position may only be held once during a student's time at Newtown State School (unless there are no other nominees).

#### **OVERALL**

A leadership role is a position of responsibility and it is expected that they fulfil the role for the full school year. The school leader's badge must be worn at all times. Student may lose their badge of office and position if they are not conscientious in their duties and their behaviour is not in accordance with the school's expectations as outlined in the Responsible Behaviour Plan. A meeting with the principal will take place to advise the student and parents/carers of the loss of position and what is required in order to regain the position.

#### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **School Captains and School Vice – Captains**

School Captains play a very important role in the life of the school. They will frequently be required to speak in public and attend certain events. They will assist in the smooth running of sporting and cultural events (Fetes, Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals). They will be expected to welcome guests to the school and offer votes of thanks to school visitors. They will be required to help staff and students with the planning and preparation of events such as ANZAC Day Service and various special Parades. The School Captains will display our school values and expectations to the highest standard and be excellent role models. The demonstration of pride in our school is expected.

Our School Captains are individuals. Their character is such that they are able to know who they are and are comfortable with that. Our School Captains are dependable and patient. They are willing to do the work themselves before expecting others to do it. Our School Captains can communicate with adults and students alike and they will see what needs to be done without being asked.

Other qualities valued are honesty, assertiveness and flexibility, problem solving abilities, friendliness, leadership skills, enthusiasm, and a good sense of humour. Above all they are able to get along with their peers and are respected by them. They are also willing to learn, grow and develop as leaders during the course of the year.

##### **House Captains**

House Captains play an important role in the life of the school. They will be required to speak in public and attend certain events. They will assist in the smooth running of sporting events (Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals). They will be expected to lead their respective houses in war-cries and participate in all house activities to the best of their abilities. They will be required to help staff and students with the planning and preparation of events such as ANZAC Day Service and various special Parades. The House Captains will display our school values and expectations to the highest standard and be excellent role models. The demonstration of pride in our school is expected.

##### **School Music Captains**

School Music Captains are students who, above all else, are reliable and trustworthy. They may be given tasks that assist the respective Music Teacher:

- handing out, collecting and (perhaps) collating music, forms and letters.
- Getting messages delivered to staff and/or students
- being comfortable in appearing in public, as there may be times when they may need to be addressing an audience, greeting or introducing a guest, or receiving awards on behalf of the School.
- display initiative in seeing what needs to be done without being asked.

The School Music Captains will display our school values and expectations to the highest standard and be excellent role models. The demonstration of pride in our school is expected.

### **School Environmental Team**

The school Environmental Team will meet regularly during lunch times. Representatives will display our school values and expectations to the highest standard and be excellent role models. They will have an enthusiasm for caring for the environment and be willing to work collaboratively to achieve a common environmental goal.

### **Student Representative Council**

The Student Representative Council meets regularly during lunch times. Representatives will display our school values and expectations to the highest standard and be excellent role models. The demonstration of pride in our school is expected.