

**Holy Family Primary School  
GOWRIE**



**STUDENT  
LEADERSHIP**

**Policy**





# Student Leadership Policy

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## Purpose

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The aim of the Student Leadership Program at Holy family is to ensure that **ALL** Year 6 students become involved and adopt meaningful roles within the school community.

At Holy Family we believe that:

- We have the responsibility to develop leadership skills in all students.
- Student leadership is about learning to be a good leader.
- Developing good student leaders is a life-long responsibility.
- Good student leadership is about relationships. They reach out to others, set a good example and show others the best 'in them'.
- Leadership is generosity in action - it respects others and is service oriented.
- Good leaders model the values of our school.
- All students possess leadership potential and should be given the opportunity to realise this potential.
- The opportunity for Student Leadership should be provided to all students.
- There are different types of Leadership and all students possess natural skills that match these types.
- Students learn responsibility through adopting such values as: commitment, perseverance, selflessness, humility, sharing, supporting and having a positive approach to life.
- Student leadership grows out of trust gained when students make good choices and lead by example.

## Description

- Student leaders are commissioned from the Senior Leadership class at the Leadership Prayer Celebration during Term 1.
- Each member of Year 6 is included in the Leadership Class and is acknowledged as such by the privilege of wearing a Leadership Shirt which is earned through their 'Call to Serve' the community of Holy Family during Term 1.
- All members of this group nominate themselves for consideration as Leader in one of six Student Leadership positions:

- Hospitality leader, Health & Well Being leader, Arts & Culture leader, Faith & Justice leader, Environment Leader, Technology & Marketing leader.
- In addition to the six roles outlined above, we hold elections for each of the Year 5 and 6 classes to select one **Class Captain each Semester**. These students will represent our school at off-campus and community events such as Anzac Day marches, NAIDOC Week liturgies at the Cathedral etc. New elections will be held to select new class captains for Semester Two. We have purchased special blazers for the students to wear when representing Holy Family.
- These elected class captains, along with one elected representative from each of the Stewardship teams outlined above will form a **Student Representative Council (SRC)**. This council holds regular meeting, convened by a teacher and will be a forum for students to bring forward ideas or suggestions they have. The SRC will represent the views and feelings of the student body.

## Procedures

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1. Student leaders participate in a Peer Mediator training program and a Student Sports Leadership day early in the school year (facilitated by MacKillop students).
2. Throughout Term 1, students earn the right to wear a Leadership shirt. All Student Leaders collect signatures, verifying that the student-determined, leadership duties, have been witnessed by teachers. When each student feels they have demonstrated leadership skills they lodge a letter to all Year 6 teachers requesting permission to purchase and then wear the Leadership Shirt.  
In Term 1, students are presented with a badge at a badge Ceremony attended by parents and the whole school community. Students pledge their commitment to their Leadership role and the Holy Family School community.
3. In Term 1 Year 6 students also lodge an expression of interest in one of the above named Stewardship Teams. When teams are formed, each team lists the tasks they would be keen to lead and how they would carry out their duties. Teachers will monitor the student's progress and their commitment to the training and the role.
4. During Term 1 (for Semester 1) and again in Term 3 (for semester 2) elections are held in each Year 5 and 6 class for the role of Class Captain. Class Captains will form part of the Student Representative Council.

## Student Leaders

<b>GENERAL LEADERSHIP</b> Peer Support group leaders, Friday assembly leaders, special project leaders, leading morning assemblies, organising team war cries and motivating students at sports carnivals	ROLE	TASKS
	<b>Hospitality</b>	Welcoming new parents or enrolments; thanking special guests/visitors, assisting in the Canteen, presenting gifts, school tour guides, setup for assemblies and special events, reporting on school events, promotion of activities through publications on a LIFE webpage linked on the school website, advertising functions, taking photos at school events, etc
	<b>Faith and Justice</b>	Setting up and helping run liturgies and masses, Charity fundraising, Mini Vinnies, community visits, Retreat participation, monitoring lost property, leading morning prayer at assembly and celebrating birthdays and farewells, etc
	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>	Harmony Day, NAIDOC, Indonesian dancing, lunchtime dance groups, games, cultural groups “master class”, art competitions, embassy visits, dress ups on your cultural day, weekly themes, link Red Food days with cultural themes, etc
	<b>Environment</b>	Alerting the school community to environmental issues, waste management, care of Learning Patch garden, promoting school rule Care for the Environment. Plant and grow more trees. Take care of the current trees in the playground, Turn concrete areas into a greener space, Recycling 3Rs educate students, Fete – Waste Free event, Indigenous Bush Tucker Garden.
	<b>Marketing and Technology</b>	Newsletter articles, advertising school events, Fun Food day promoters, Fete advertisers, lunch time club promoters, sport carnival promoters, Master class ‘technology’ lessons, software updates, Robotics, ICT trouble shooting setting up electronic equipment for assemblies etc.
	<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	Lunch time clubs and competition organisation, refereeing games, Health Week, running sport clinics at lunchtimes, Joke of the Week, assisting teachers with fitness programs in the morning, organising sports equipment and the sports shed, PE week coordinators, etc

- All six groups of Leaders possess equal standing in the school.
- Appropriate training for each of the Student Leadership positions will be available to all students.
- There is a limit of 14 students to any one role.
- Students commissioned to the position of Student leader must have satisfied a clear understanding of the role and demonstrated success in all training.

**STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT PERFORMING IN THE ROLE, DUE TO: APATHY, NON-COMPLIANCE OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR WILL BE ASKED TO RESIGN FROM THEIR LEADERSHIP POSITION, FOREGOING ALL PRIVILEGES ATTACHED TO THE ROLE, especially CAMP and Performance in Term 3.**

## References

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Nil

## Forms

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Nil

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