

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

1. **Rationale:**

1.1 Our school is a partnership between teachers, parents, students and the community. Student input into formal decision-making is integral to our mutual success. A formal and structured Junior School Council will provide a forum for students to express their views and have their views heard through a democratic system.

2. **Aims:**

- 2.1 To provide students the opportunity to undertake leadership roles and represent fellow students
- 2.2 To provide students with access to a democratic system, which supports the introduction of ideas that are expressed through the student community
- 2.3 To offer students the avenue in which to support charities for children within the wider community through fundraising events

3. **Implementation:**

- 3.1 Each year, the Level 3 and 4 students will conduct student only elections for a Junior School Council (JSC) and other leadership positions.
- 3.2 Membership of the JSC must be proportionally representative, providing a balance of girls and boys.
- 3.3 Elected members will receive badges, will be recognised in the newsletter, and will receive directions as to their role and basic meeting procedures and protocols.
- 3.4 The elected JSC president will chair all JSC meetings.
- 3.5 The JSC will meet monthly prior to School Council, or more frequently as required.
- 3.6 The opinions expressed by JSC will be carefully considered by the School Council and the principal, and will receive appropriate feedback.
- 3.7 JSC will have available, a regular section in the newsletter to report to the community.
- 3.8 The JSC president, in partnership with an assigned teacher, will manage the day-to-day coordination of JSC.
- 3.9 Once a Term the JSC will raise funds for a children's charity.

4. **Evaluation:**

- 4.1 This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all members of the JSC and School Council as part of the school's three-year review cycle. Ratified 27th October 2014.