



Student Leadership Policy

PURPOSE

To give an overview of the role of schools in promoting student voice, agency and leadership, and to outline where relevant guidance and programs can be found.

DETAILS

Student voice, agency and leadership have a central role in improving student outcomes and supporting student safety and wellbeing. Schools are encouraged to implement measures which support student participation and collaboration to empower student voice, agency and leadership. Our Student Leadership Policy aims to address the following:

Student voice

Student voice is not simply about giving students the opportunity to communicate ideas and opinions – it is about students having the power to influence change. Authentic student voice provides opportunities for students to collaborate and make decisions with adults around what and how they learn and how their learning is assessed.

Student agency

Student agency refers to the level of autonomy and power that a student experiences in the learning environment. Agency gives students the power to direct and take responsibility for their learning, creating independent and self-regulating learners.

Student leadership

Student leadership includes listening to and being able to clarify the issues of the students they represent and advocating on their behalf. Student leaders have an increased sense of responsibility to help others and to model leadership principles and values. Student leadership is not confined to a small group of individuals, as leadership potential is inherent within all learners. Trust, autonomy and relationships are enhanced through the development of leadership qualities.

POLICY

At Myrrhee Primary School all students are considered leaders. Students have many opportunities to develop and use leadership skills and are provided with many leadership positions to develop their leadership skills.

The School and Vice Captains are selected by both the school students and the staff, after delivering speeches to the school. The school highly recognises the value of elected School Captains who are able to model the preferred leadership attributes and values of the school for other students. School Captains lead our morning circle, lead fundraising opportunities, speak at community events and meet with the Principal periodically.

Each grade elects a representative per semester to be on the Student School Council. They meet regularly to discuss issues related to school. The School and Vice Captains help to conduct the meetings and co-ordinate all minutes, letters, agendas, etc.

There are other opportunities within classes and the school to lead at Myrrhee Primary School. The following are the leadership positions that may be available at Myrrhee Primary School.



MYRRHEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Captain

Vice Captain

Sports Captain

Environment Captain

Technology Captain

Class Captains

Student School Councillors

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- Student Wellbeing Engagement Policy
- Bullying Policy

Myrrhee Primary School policies and documents can be found at <https://www.myrrheeps.vic.edu.au>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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