

Junior School Council Policy

BRUNSWICK EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rationale

Junior School Council 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 act as effective role models for the student body. Our school believes encouraging student engagement ensures that we are developing community leaders of the future.

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 develop skills in leadership and mentoring.
- To encourage student leaders to act as positive role models for other students.
- To initiate and coordinate community and/or school-based fundraising.
- To create a whole school community where every member feels that their contribution is valuable.

Implementation

- A Junior School Council will be constituted twice a year.
- The school will, by process of student vote, elect two students from each Learning Community (Prep – 6).
- Students will be able to be a member of Junior School Council once while attending Brunswick East Primary School.
- A process of feedback and consultation will be implemented to ensure that the views of the whole student body are being considered.
- Junior School Council representatives will be encouraged to participate in student leadership development programs with the full support of the school.
- The 4-6 LC representatives will support the P-3LC representatives with Junior School Council activities.
- Opportunities will be provided for the Junior School Council to practise their leadership skills in a variety of forums.
- The Junior School Council will conduct school assemblies with teacher support.
- The Junior School Council will present at staff meetings and school council meetings on issues as raised by the student body, where appropriate.
- The Junior School Council may contribute articles to the school newsletter.
- The Junior School Council will collaborate with a staff member who will mentor the group.
- The staff mentor will facilitate the group to experience a variety of decision-making models including seeking consensus and majority vote, and guide members towards taking full responsibility for the meetings.
- Proposals will be conveyed to Learning Communities, teachers, and the Principal, who shall have final responsibility for actions. Outcomes shall be reported to the school community through both the School Newsletter and School Council meetings.

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