

## Student Leadership and East Fremantle PS

Leadership is a quality that all students at East Fremantle Primary School are encouraged and supported to develop. Students from Foundation to Year 6 take on the role of leaders of their own learning. Through the curriculum and extra curricula activities, all students are encouraged to develop the skills necessary to be a leader. Student leadership roles challenge individuals to develop a sense of vision and purpose as they take on responsibilities and use decision making skills in order to carry a project through to a successful conclusion. They develop interpersonal and intrapersonal skills including communication, negotiation, team work and reflection. Students are given opportunities to develop the skills of active, reflective listeners who respond effectively as they work with others to determine and achieve collective goals.

Embedded in our extra-curricular program are formalised student leadership roles. Through their actions East Fremantle Primary School's Student Leaders reflect and demonstrate the School's Values;

CARING RESPECT FAIRNESS UNDERSTANDING EMPATHY

The primary leadership roles in 2019 will be School Councillors, all Year 6 students as members on the Student Representative Council (SRC), Sustainability Team Leaders, Digital Team Leaders, Act, Commit and Belong Committee, Music Leaders, Sports Monitors, Assembly Coordinators and House Captains. These are all roles currently in place however they will be restructured into four groups that consult, plan and report to the SRC. The SRC will also have Year

Reps from each of the other Year Levels.

- School Cabinet (Student Councillors)
- Events Committee (includes fundraising.)
- Sustainability Committee.
- Organisational Committee.



## **Application and Selection Process**

During Term 4 students in Year 5, as part of the Civics and Citizenship curriculum, can nominate to become a Student Councillor. This will involve the application, presentation by choice followed by the Student and Staff using the Preferential Voting System to elect the next year's Student Council/ Cabinet. During Term 1 all students will take part in an Application process to join one of the four committees that form the SRC.

Effective leaders need to possess the following attributes: team skills, confidence, public speaking skills, responsibility and organization. There are a range of leadership training programs which focus on developing these skills.

A Leadership Program in a Box; The Young Leaders Program has three parts. There's a practical program for senior students as well as an Induction Program for elected leaders. http://www.youngleadersprogram.com.au/

The Peer Support Program; Consists of leadership training for senior primary school students and peer led sessions. These are formally structured sessions with comprehensive instructions. http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/programs

Act, Belong and Commit Partnership; Program that involves the importance of doing something meaningful... Making a commitment to an interest or cause that provides purpose and positive outcomes for the community.

## **Faction Captains and Sport Related Leadership Roles**

All students are invited to nominate themselves as candidates for Faction Leaders. Those nominated students are given the opportunity to speak to their peers about their desire and capability to fill the Faction Captain role.

Students from Years 5 and 6 vote anonymously to select a boy and girl captain and vice-captain from each faction. Successful captains are given the responsibility of assisting with carnivals, sporting competitions, organisation of the sports shed and equipment and assistance with other sport related tasks throughout the year.

Throughout the year students that might miss out on a Faction Leadership position are given multiple opportunities to fill a leadership role. These opportunities include leadership roles (such as captaining) within the Interschool and Intraschool Sports teams. The school reserves the right to hand select these captains to ensure those students who have demonstrated strong leadership qualities are given opportunities to fill these leadership roles.

Faction Leaders and Student Councillors are ineligible to undertake these roles.

\*On behalf of the EFPS Teaching Staff

G Robertson D/Principal 01/11/18