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SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTION --- POLICY

- All students from grade 7, 8 and 9 are entitled to stand for the position of School Captain.
- One / One students will be elected for the position of school Captain and Vice-Captain.
- Prospective captains must nominate for these positions using the School Captain Nomination form (attached). Nominations must be received by the due date, to be set in the term prior that for which they are seeking election.
- Voting is by secret ballot.
- All students from class 3 are eligible to vote.
- All staff members are eligible to cast a vote. Staff members will vote after the student voting. Staff voting will also be by secret ballot.
- Students and staff who vote will cast one vote for the person they want as Vice-Captain and one for the person they want as School Captain.
- All students nominating will have the opportunity to speak briefly in support of their nomination, at a meeting of students who are eligible to vote. Information given in the presentation is restricted to information provided on the student's nomination form. Students are not permitted to attempt to influence voting in other ways.
- Candidates must read and understand the Role and Responsibilities of a School Captain (attached), and must abide by the Rules for School Captain elections (attached). Breach of these rules may result in withdrawal of nominations.
- The School may exercise the authority (in special circumstances) to veto the nominations or election of a student.
- Each captain will also, during his or her term, select one area of interest in which they would like to make a contribution to the school. The captain will meet with the Senior Co-ordinator, Deputy Principal or Principal to outline this area of interest and their planned action. This will be followed by regular meetings throughout the term of captaincy to monitor progress.

Role and Responsibilities of a School Captain

As a school captain you will be required to:

- Represent the school to the best of your ability and uphold the rules and values of the school.
- Speak or make presentations on behalf of the school at official functions.
- Provide support to the staff of the school as they carry out their duties.
- Represent the students of the school, listen to their opinions and respect their rights.
- Provide the highest level example to the other students of the school, both in behavior and in attitude.

Rules For School Captain Elections

- School captains will be elected for one academic year.
- If you wish to be elected as a school captain, you must complete a nomination form by the due date.
- Grade 9 students may nominate for school captain and grade 7 & 8 or 9 students for vice-captain.
- Your nomination must show that you are able to fulfill the role and responsibilities of a school captain.
- All students from 3 to 10 may vote in school captain's election. Staff will also vote in this election.
- All students who have nominated will have a chance to speak to a meeting of other students before the election. You may present the information you have given in your nomination form, but you are not allowed to try and influence voting in other ways.
- The position of a school captain is very important one, and it is important that the elections are taken seriously. If these rules are not followed, your nominations may be withdrawn.
- The school may also withdraw a nomination or cancel the election of a student if that student is unwilling or unable to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of a school captain.

Nomination for School Captain

Name:

Why I would like to be a School Captain:

Personal qualities which will help me be a good Captain:

Things I have done which show I can be a good captain:

I have read and understood the role and responsibilities of a school captain, and the rules for school captain elections, and I agree to abide by these rules.

Signed: