



Bellbridge Primary School
Individual Paths, United Journey

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICY

The promotion of students as leaders is a priority of Bellbridge Primary School. Students of all ages are encouraged to accept leadership roles within class and within the school.

School Captains, House Captains, Peer Mediators and members of the Student Representative Council are expected to conduct themselves with dignity, in order to be an example to the other students and an asset to the school. They are expected to uphold the Student Code of Conduct, which includes:

Rights

- to have friends;
- to feel safe at school;
- to be happy at school;
- to feel good about themselves;
- to feel confident;
- to be able to trust teachers and friends; and
- to be able to ask for help when they need it.

Responsibilities

- to care for others at school;
- to be able to work out what to do next, on their own;
- to do the best they can in everything they do at school;
- to be honest in all situations;
- to show respect towards teachers, parents, visitors and other students; and
- to solve their own problems in a sensible way.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

All students are expected to:

- demonstrate exemplary behaviour in the classroom, the playground, and on excursions;
- work and play safely;
- obey teacher instructions;
- complete all class work and homework to the best of their ability;
- wear the school uniform and sports uniform;
- be punctual; and
- respect the rights and property of others in the school community.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

School Captains

All students in Grade 6 will participate in a nomination and selection process that includes preparing and delivering a speech to their peers at the end of their Grade 5 academic year (during transition). School Captains will be formed after an election and interview process, involving the Principal and Assistant Principal.

School Captains will:

- participate in and conduct assemblies;
- be involved on special occasions, such as the greeting and thanking of visitors and performers;

- be aware of the general behaviour of students in regard to safety and grounds upkeep and actively advise school staff of issues of concern;
- be of general assistance to all members of staff, students, parents and visitors;
- lead and assist in whole-school initiatives;
- attend fortnightly meetings at recess/lunch;
- support our school's involvement in the Respectful Relationships program.

House Captains

All houses (Middleton, Coker, Hughes, Gillard) will hold a house meeting to elect the House Captains at the end of the Grade 5 academic year (during transition). These positions are to be held by Grade 6 students from the start of the next school year. *If a student has been elected as a School Captain, they may not be a House Captain.*

House Captains will:

- encourage house/team spirit at all sporting events;
- assist our Physical Education teachers to plan for school events, such as: swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals;
- encourage house members to perform to the best of their ability at sporting events;
- support our school's Active Travel Program;
- be of general assistance to all members of staff, students, parents and visitors, particularly at all sporting events.
- attend their rostered shift in the gaga pit, encouraging positive behaviour and expectations

Student Representative Council (SRC)

All Grade 3 to 6 classes will elect an SRC Class Captain and SRC Vice Captain at the beginning of each school year. Any student that wishes to apply for these leadership roles will need to prepare and present a speech to their class, before the grade is given the opportunity to vote for their class representatives. *The voting process must be confidential.* Before students are notified of the successful applicants, Grade 3 to 6 teachers must discuss the potential leaders within their teams to ensure those elected consistently uphold our school values.

SRC will:

- assist in running the SWPBS Rewards Shop;
- meet with members of the Leadership Team to discuss school fundraising and school improvement;
- action school-wide improvements;
- assist with school-wide events and programs;
- support and monitor the Buddy Benches;
- attend fortnightly meetings (during recess/lunch breaks) with the SRC Coordinator;
- form an eSmart committee, supporting staff in promoting safe online practices.

Peer Mediators

All Grade 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to apply to be a Peer Mediator at the end of each school year. Any student that wishes to apply for these leadership roles will need to fill in an application form, giving examples of how they have demonstrated safe, respectful and responsible behaviour outside, as well as obtaining a character reference from a teacher of their choice.

Peer Mediators will:

- attend their recess or lunch shift on time;
- collect the vest and folder to take on their shift;
- listen to students who may be upset or worried;
- help students to follow the 4 Be's;
- assist students to find others to play with or join an activity;
- encourage students to get help from the yard duty teacher, when needed;
- display kindness to others;

- attend weekly or fortnightly meetings (during recess/lunch breaks) with the Peer Mediator Coordinator.

School Captains, House Captains, Peer Mediators and SRC members will receive their badges at the beginning of each school year.

LOSS OF POSITION

In the event of formal complaints by members of the school community and depending on the severity of the behaviour, action will be taken as follows:

1. Warning and counselling by a member of the Leadership Team and/or Coordinator;
2. Loss of position (badge & privileges) for two weeks;
3. Loss of position (badge & privileges) for the rest of the year.

The Principal will determine the decision (in consultation with relevant staff) as to the length of the loss of position. If the behaviour is severe (e.g. inappropriate language or threatening behaviour towards a student, member of staff, parent or visitor), immediate loss of position will occur. Appropriate communication will be provided to parents.

Formal complaints regarding the performance of School Captains, House Captains, Peer Mediators or SRC will be conveyed to a member of the Leadership Team.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year cycle of review.

Ratified by Bellbridge Primary School Council – February 2022

Principal: *Debbie Clancy*

School Council President: *Sian Smith*

Bellbridge P.S. Student Leadership Contract

Name:

I have read, discussed with my parents/guardians and understood the document "Student Leadership Policy" and I will be proud to fulfil my duties, as outlined.

I understand that failure to follow the requirements will lead to the consequences outlined in the section titled "Loss of Position".

Signed: (Student)

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)