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

Student Leaders and House Captains 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 and other students; and
- to solve their own problems in a sensible way.

**EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS**

All students are expected to:
- have an acceptable standard of 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**

**Student Leaders (including 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. A Student Leadership Group (including two School Captains) will be formed after an election and interview process involving the Principal and Assistant Principal.
School Captains will:
- participate in and conduct important assemblies
- assist with the weekly school assembly;
- 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

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. These positions are to be held by Year 6 students from the start of the next school year.
If a student has been elected as a Student Leader they may not be a House Captain.

House Captains will:
- encourage House/Team spirit at all sporting events;
- assist with House Meetings to plan for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals;
- encourage house members to perform to the best of their ability at sporting events;
- be of general assistance to all members of staff, students, parents and visitors, particularly at all sporting events.

Student Leaders and House Captains will receive their badges at the beginning of the 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 the Principal, Assistant Principal and/or Student Welfare 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 advise parents of issues of concern.

Formal complaints regarding the performance of Student Leaders will be conveyed to the Principal, Assistant Principal or the Student Welfare Coordinator for appropriate action.

EVALUATION

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

Ratified by Bellbridge Primary School Council – August 2015

Principal: Debbie Clancy  School Council President: Ellisa Cole
Bellbridge P.S. Student Leadership Contract

Name: ……………………………………………
I have read, discussed with my parents/caregivers and understood the document “Responsibilities of Student Leaders” 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/Caregiver)