ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

Rationale
Students have a positive contribution to make within the decision-making processes of the school. When students are actively involved in these processes, they have an enhanced sense of commitment to the school and its programs. The Junior School Council aims to:

- Provide students with a sense of pride and achievement.
- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the children.
- Provide an avenue for the development of ‘student voice’ within the school.
- Raise student awareness of local and global issues and associated support options.

Guidelines
- All students in Years 3–6 are represented on the Junior School Council.
- The Junior School Council will meet regularly, with supervising staff.
- Junior School Council representatives will be responsible for discussing issues at Junior School Council meetings and will be responsible for reporting to their grades.
- Junior School Council representatives will make recommendations on aspects of school life.
- The representatives will have a clear role description.
- The supervising and class teachers will discuss the responsibilities of the Junior School Council representatives with the students involved.
- Social Service will provide opportunities for students to be proactive, contributing members of the broader community.

Implementation
- Each grade from Year 3 to Year 6 will select two representatives each semester to participate in Junior School Council meetings.
- The same student will not be elected as the representative for consecutive semesters.
- The Junior School Council representatives will meet on a regular basis.
- Class teachers will provide opportunities for students to discuss issues raised at Junior School Council meetings.
- Agendas will be provided to classes for discussion before meetings.
- Junior School Council recommendations require the approval of the Principal, Staff, and where appropriate, School Council, prior to implementation.
- Students will have opportunities to support those who are less fortunate by providing services or by contributing to fundraising activities arranged within the school community or by outside agencies.
- A Social Service fundraiser may be undertaken once a term. The focus of this will be decided by Junior School Council representatives after discussion with supervising teachers, and after feedback from classes and staff.
- The proposed Social Service activity will require the approval of the Principal who may liaise with the Parents and Friends Association.
- Minutes of Junior School Council meetings will be circulated to the School Council, the Bursar, the staff and the Parents and Friends’ Association.

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

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