
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 (JSC) aims to:

- Provide students with a sense of pride and achievement.
- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the students.
- 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 JSC.
- The JSC will meet regularly, with supervising staff.
- JSC representatives will be responsible for discussing matters at JSC meetings and will be responsible for reporting to their grades.
- JSC 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 JSC 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 JSC meetings. Two vice captains may also be selected
- The same student will not be elected as the representative for consecutive semesters.
- The JSC representatives will meet on a regular basis.
- Class teachers will provide opportunities for students to discuss issues raised at JSC meetings.
- JSC Coordinators will prepare an agenda for meetings.
- JSC 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 JSC 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 JSC meetings will be circulated to the School Council, the Bursar, the staff and the Parents and Friends’ Association.
- **Minutes will be displayed in the Year 3 to 6 classrooms.**

Evaluation

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

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