

## Southern Cross Catholic College

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICY

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### Introduction

Through their leadership as role models, we acknowledge the gifts and talents which the Student Leaders bring to our community. They work hard and are successful in making our college a welcoming, friendly, just and inclusive community in which all feel safe and happy to learn and play. They are the decision makers of the future and we hope through our shared leadership program which focuses on service through leadership they will develop skills and attitudes to assist them to good citizens, prepared to make a difference.

### Rationale

Southern Cross Catholic College is committed to providing the highest quality educational programs for its students, in accordance with Catholic Education in the Diocese of Townsville. Leadership is integral to life-long learning. All students need to be given the opportunity to demonstrate and develop leadership skills. Positive student leadership opportunities facilitate both the transition to Secondary school, Senior years and the world beyond. Student leadership is driven by service to others and is embedded in our college motto ***To Love, To Serve, To Shine***. This is enacted through students' expectations of themselves in collaboration with our way of life at the College.

### Principles, Values and Understandings

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students are supported and encouraged to:

- Develop a sense of belonging, responsibility and partnership by working together within a Catholic community
- Demonstrate respect for each person and the environment
- Strive for unity through cooperation and collegiality with staff and other students
- Be exemplary role models
- Have representation in some areas of decision making.

## Implementation

- Student leadership is a shared leadership model and involves all students in Year 6 and in Year 11 and 12.
- Primary leadership positions of responsibility are recognised at the commencement of the College year, at the Beginning of Year Mass. Secondary Leadership roles run from the beginning of Semester 2 in Year 11, to the end of Semester 1 in Year 12. These are recognised at the College Feast Day Mass.
- At the end of the preceding year/period of leadership, the student leadership representatives will hand over to the group of incoming leaders.
- The College Principal has the right to ask a student to step down from a leadership position for a time if their behaviour is deemed inappropriate according to the values of the college.

## Student Leadership Team (SLT) Positions of Responsibility

- **College Captains:** 2 Students (no gender preference) - Secondary only
- **Ministry Group Leaders:** 2 Students / Ministry from both Primary and Secondary
  - **Ministry groups**
    - Pastoral and Faith
    - Community Connections
    - Stewardship and Sustainability
    - Service and Social Justice
- **House Leaders:** 2 Students / House from both Primary and Secondary
  - **Houses**
    - Castle
    - Elliot
    - Hervey
    - Stuart
    - Louisa

**Please also review our Student Leadership Procedure for implementation of Policy**

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