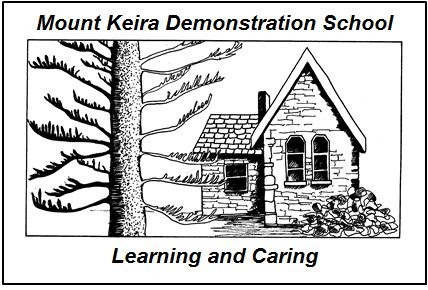
MOUNT KEIRA DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL

Student Leadership Policy



**RATIONALE**

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the process of selection of the School Captain, Vice-captain, Sports Captains, members of the Student Representative Council (SRC), Buddies and Peer Mediators and the roles and responsibilities of these leaders within the school.

**POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Mt Keira Demonstration School acknowledges the importance of student leadership within the school.

There are many opportunities for student leadership at Mount Keira Demonstration School.

* Captains and Sports Captains (Keira and Nebo)
* Members of the SRC
* Peer mediators
* Buddies
* Opportunities for leadership in other areas will also be provided, such as being a member of the Student Newspaper, Environmental or Year Book Teams.

All students will be encouraged to take on leadership roles within the school, both formally and informally.

**POLICY CONTENT**

**Eligibility:**

*Captain, School Leaders, Members of the SRC*

Students must have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate the ability to:

* follow school and classroom rules
* demonstrate our school values of ‘Learning and Caring’ consistently
* be well behaved at all times
* always strive to do their best in class
* demonstrate responsibility
* take pride in the school
* show respect for staff and other students

The above eligibility criteria must be maintained or the consequence of not maintaining the level will be removal from their leadership role for the remainder of the year. The Principal, in consultation with teachers, will determine student eligibility to assume and maintain leadership positions based on the above criteria.

* When there are five or less students in Year 6, two school captains will be elected.
* When there are between six – twelve students in Year 6, two school captains and two sport leaders (1 captain for Nebo and 1 captain for Keira) will be elected.
* When there are greater than twelve students in Year 6, two school captains and four sport leaders (2 captains for Nebo and 2 captains for Keira) will be elected.
* If there is no Grade 6 cohort, students from Year 5 will fill the leadership positions. If this occurs, a student who held the position of captain in Year 5 is ineligible to seek re-election in the following year for the position of captain.
* Members of the SRC are eligible to represent for one year only during their primary schooling unless there are no other candidates.

**Position Details**

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| Position | Roles and Responsibilities | Selection Process |
| School Captain | Representing the school at school and community events.  Conducting school assemblies.  Welcoming and thanking special guests to the school.  Liaising with the Principal on various activities.  Being an active SRC member. | Eligible students will prepare their speech for presentation to the student body and staff during Term 4, Week 9. Parents are invited to listen to the speeches.  Following the speeches, classes will hold *Secret Ballots.*  Principal to count votes and verify results with one other staff member.  The results will be announced to the children prior to the commencement of the Christmas Holidays.  The School Captains will be presented with their badges in Term 1, Weeks 2- 3. Parents will be invited to the assembly. |
| Sports Leaders (Keira and Nebo) | Co-ordinating whole school fitness sessions.  Co-ordinating play equipment borrowing.  Liaising with the Principal on sporting activities.  Leading sporting houses at carnivals.  Welcoming and thanking sporting guests.  Being an active SRC member. | Eligible students will prepare their speech for presentation to the student body and staff during Term 4, Week 9. Parents are invited to listen to the speeches.  Following the speeches, classes will hold *Secret Ballots.*  Principal to count votes and verify results with one other staff member.  The results will be announced to the children prior to the commencement of the Christmas Holidays.  The Sports Leaders will be presented with their badges in Term 1, Weeks 2-3. Parents will be invited to the assembly. |
| SRC Members | Representing class at meetings and report back to class following meetings.  Leading and organising school initiatives, eg. lunch clubs, fundraising opportunities | Grades will hold a Secret Ballot to elect an SRC member from each grade.  The SRC members will be presented with their badges in Term 1, Weeks 2-3. Parents will be invited to the assembly. |
| Buddies | Assisting buddy to establish routines around the school, social orientation and assisting the teacher during Kindergarten Orientation and the first few weeks of school.  Acting as a friend to their Kindergarten buddy and to help them establish their place within the school during the first year of schooling. | Interested Year 5 students will submit an *Expression of Interest* that encourages students to reflect on their personal characteristics and explain why they will make a great buddy.  The Kindergarten and Year 5 teachers will determine the buddies after reading the *Expressions of Interest*. Teachers are to make the most appropriate match for buddies based on family/neighbourly relationships, general knowledge and personalities. |
| Peer Mediators | Attending training to develop skills for conflict resolution, listening and demonstrating empathy.  Resolving minor playground conflicts with a mediation partner, under the supervision of the teacher on playground duty.  Immediately referring to a teacher all matters involving physical violence or bullying. | Stage 3 students will volunteer to be Peer Mediators. |

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