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IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICY

The Wellbeing for Schools Framework and School Excellence Framework V2 require schools to provide opportunities for meaningful student participation and leadership, including student voice and decision making.

Schools will:

- value and engage student voice within teaching and learning, school planning, operations and governance
- involve students in conversations and decisions about what and how they learn and how their learning is assessed
- develop student participation and leadership skills and nurture character to support their active citizenship
- provide inclusive student leadership opportunities within the classroom, school and wider community, including SRCs
- provide opportunities for student participation and leadership that celebrate difference, diversity, and that recognise, respect and respond to identity and cultural background
- provide opportunities for all students to actively contribute to the school and their community through mentoring, student service learning and volunteering.

Irrawang Public School Student Leaders

Year 5 students who are eligible for nomination and selection can be voted in as Student Leaders by the voting body. The voting body elects a total of six students – **The composition of the student leadership team is non-gender specific and positions are earned on merit alone.** The announcement of the incoming Student Leaders will be made at the annual Presentation Day. Parents will be contacted prior to this event so that they may attend.

Year 5 Criteria for Nomination

Only students in year 5 are eligible to be nominated for the Student Leaders for the following year.

Students ***must have an attendance rate at or above 90%*** (at Principal's discretion) to be eligible to stand for nomination or selection to the Irrawang Public School Student Leadership Team.

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A student who has received **more than 4 behaviour forms** for the year **will not be eligible to stand for nomination** or selection to the Irrawang Public School Student Leadership Team.

A student who has been suspended in the voting year **will not be eligible to stand for nomination or selection** to the Irrawang Public School Student Leadership Team.

Guidelines for potential Candidates.

All children in Year 5 will be advised of the guidelines as to what qualities may be expected for School Leaders. These may include:

- Be well respected by students, staff and parents.
- Be courteous and polite towards others.
- Possess a good work ethic.
- Display positive school spirit.
- Be aware of conflict resolution procedures.
- Be willing to participate in a wide variety of school activities.
- Display self-discipline and maintain a sensible approach to playground behaviour.
- Be willing to participate in discussions and prepared to speak in public if required.
- Be a cooperative group member.
- Have potential to develop initiative and leadership skills.
- Wear a full school uniform and a school hat.

Please note that if a candidate successfully obtains a leadership position but fails to follow the IPS Behaviour Policy, it may result in the loss of their position.

The Voting Procedure

1. Prior to the election period, all Year 5 students will participate in lessons and activities promoting leadership and being role models. These include being a STAR leader in training in term 4.
2. The voting procedure is to commence in November.
3. Year 5 students attend a meeting and hand in their completed nomination form if they wish to stand for election.
4. The students nominated will be expected to present an election speech via video to the student population.
5. Directly after viewing speeches, the Voting Body will be required to vote by an anonymous online ballot. Votes will display students' photos and names.

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6. The Voting Body selects three (3) students and votes are submitted online and collated electronically. The Principal and Stage 3 Assistant Principal have access to voting results.
7. Parents of nominees will receive a letter advising of their child's election result. The nominees meet with the Principal and the coordinating teacher. The two students with the most votes will be awarded school captains. Note: the result is to be kept secret from the school population until the Presentation Day.
8. All members of the Student Leaders will be issued with a Leadership contract (Appendix A) explaining their role and expectations. This will be signed by parents and the students prior to them taking up their roles in the Student Leaders.

The voting body will consist of students from Years 2-6 and all staff, including office staff and SLSOs.

Roles and Responsibilities of School Leaders

- Representing the school and students at formal occasions.
- Providing a good role model to other students.
- Conducting assemblies.

Other Opportunities for Leadership

- STAR Leaders
- Jnr AECG Student Representative
- Classes will vote for two PBL Class Representatives at the beginning of each year. These cannot be members of the Student Leaders.
- Sport House Captains and Vice Captains.
- Flag monitors and Library Leaders.
- The Kindergarten Buddy system.

Next Policy Review Date: Term 1, 2026

Principal
Stacy Mathieson

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