

St Francis Xavier Primary School Student Representative Council (S.R.C) Policy

Rationale

The Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) will consist of one elected student representatives from Prep to Year 5 and the Year 6 School Captains. Elections to the S.R.C. are usually held in the first month of the school year. The previous year's S.R.C representatives cannot be re-elected for two years. This is to give all children an opportunity to be part of the SRC at some time over their primary schooling and experience a leadership role.

Purpose:

The Student Representative Council is an elected student body who represent the views of all students. The views, ideas and suggestions communicated at the S.R.C. meetings are discussed and considered by the S.R.C. as a whole. Where appropriate the School Staff/Leadership may then act on the views, ideas and suggestions made by the larger student body. Our objective is to ensure we listen to Student Voice and act upon it.

The S.R.C gives insight into the decision-making process that occurs at our school.

The S.R.C allows the children in each year level to focus on the positives within the school as they consider 4 areas for discussions during class meetings. They are as follows:

- What is working well at our school
- Is there anything that concerns you that we can do better
- What recommendations do you have to help our school grow?
- Special news from our grade that we would like you to know

Implementation:

The Role of the Student Representative Council:

- to value student input and ideas and listen to the voices and ideas of the students;
- to represent the views/opinions of members in their class;
- to help build a collaborative school environment between staff and students;
- to set a good example of what a leader does and how they represent their class and SFX students;
- to call regular class meetings with the guidance of the teacher where needed;
- to model the school values of Respect, Responsible, Resilient and Kind;
- to model the school rules and help improve the behaviour of the children in the school;
- to take important information from the S.R.C. meetings back to classroom meetings;
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- to improve communication lines between students, teachers and Principal;
- to give different children a leadership experience;
- to be responsible S.R.C. members;

Student Representative Council Meetings are held 2-3 times a term with the Deputy Principal and (or) Principal.

The S.R.C. will represent the school at public events where appropriate.

Evaluation:

Each year we look at the workings of the S.R.C, in particular the SRC Sheet the children use to run their meetings. In addition, we look at how the S.R.C fits into the workings of the Student Wellbeing Programs, e.g. RRRR program, at our school.