

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Rationale

At Narrogin Primary School we promote leadership amongst our student cohort through the election of Year 6 Student Councillors, Student Leaders and Faction Captains. The Student Representation Policy outlines the election process.

Guidelines

Faction Captain

- 1) For school events, each faction will be represented by a male and female Year 6 Faction Captain.
- 2) Prior to the Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnival, Year 6 students will be invited to nominate for the roles of Faction Captain. It is not assumed that the same students will represent their faction all year.
- 3) An anonymous vote will be conducted on paper slips or using an online voting application, with one vote equal to one value, by students in Years 4-6 and faction teachers.
- 4) Those students with the highest number of votes are elected as Faction Captains and announced at the next Senior Sport session and/or the School Assembly.
- 5) At interschool events, the school will be represented by the Student Leaders.

Student Council

- 1) During Semester 1, school staff will set a timeline for the election of student councillors.
- 2) A teacher will be nominated to organise the election.
- 3) An election process will be undertaken to select approximately 25% of the cohort as Student Councillors.
- 4) School staff actively encourage a diverse range of nominees.
- 5) Early in Term 4, a note will be sent home to all Year 5 parents/guardians outlining the election process and key dates including:
 - i) Presentation by the current Student Council to all students in Year 5 outlining the role and responsibilities.
 - ii) Student nomination forms must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the organising teacher by the due date.
 - iii) Speeches are held with all voting classes in attendance and voting is conducted immediately afterwards. This is not a public event.
 - iv) Nominating students' names are selected at random using either paper slips or a selector application to determine the order for student speeches.
 - v) All students in Years 4-6 and all staff members participate in the voting process, with each vote representing equal value.
- 6) Nominating students' photos and names are displayed in the classroom for all voting classes, the staff room and the undercover area.
- 7) Information sessions are held by the organising teacher for all voting classes with an opportunity for a question and answer session.

- 8) Voting requires that each voter numbers their most preferred candidates from 10 to 1, with a vote of 10 being the most preferred candidate representing 10 points. 9 representing 9 points and so on.
- 9) Votes are counted by the organising teacher and one member of the administration team.
- 10) A letter is sent home to successful and unsuccessful candidates prior to announcement at the final assembly of the year.

Student Leaders

- 1) The Student Council participates in a simple vote (one vote, one value) to elect their own leaders.
- 2) Wherever possible, the student leaders should be one female and one male student.

Any variation to the processes outlined will be at the discretion of the Principal.