

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 male and female Year 6 Faction Captains and Vice Captains.
- 2) During Terms 1 and 3, Year 6 students will be invited to nominate for the roles of Faction Captain and Vice-Captain for that semester. It is not assumed that the same students will represent their faction all year.
- 3) Student Councillors are eligible to nominate themselves for the role of Faction Captain or Vice-Captain.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Those students with the highest number of votes are elected as Faction and Vice Captains and announced at the next senior sport session and/or the School Assembly.
- 6) At interschool events, the school will be represented by the school's champion male and female athlete from the school carnival.

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 1 to 10, with a vote of 1 being the most preferred candidate representing 10 points, 2 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) The top two polling students from this voting process will be nominated as the School's Student Leaders, regardless of their gender.

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