



Aims:

At Mill Park Primary School, the Student Council is facilitated by nominated staff members and is organised to ensure participation and decision making from student representatives. Elected representatives present the needs and requests of the student body, as well as providing information to the staff and School Council. In addition, the Student Council coordinates and implements a number of fundraising and social activities, which benefit both the school and outside charities.

Guidelines:

Election of Student Council:

- **Representation is determined on the basis of:**

Early Years

No Foundation representatives
One representative from each classroom

Middle Years

One representative from each classroom, with the exception of Year 6 which have a total of 2 representatives per class

- Nominations are made by students in each class.
- Nominees may accept or decline nomination.
- Nominees need to present a speech to their peers outlining their reasons for standing for election and be able to demonstrate their ability to show leadership.
- A secret ballot is held.
- Student Council Presidents will be elected by the Student Council members at the first meeting of the year. Presidents will be Year 6 students.

Implementation:

Expectations of elected representatives include:

- Ongoing regular attendance at meetings
- Reporting to classes and the school community via minutes
- Participation in decision making processes
- Involvement in whole school activities
- Completing a bullying/cyber bullying survey and playground "hot spot" survey once per term and responding to the data gathered
- Taking on responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Student Council
- Student Council Presidents are to attend at least one School Council meeting, however all Student Council Representatives are encouraged to attend meetings if a personal interest is expressed
- Students Council Presidents are to present a report to the community at Year 6 Graduation
- Commitment to the responsibilities that the title holds.

Meetings:

- Meetings are held on a monthly basis or as required at a regular time determined at the first meeting.
- Meetings are open to visitors and community members including School Council.
- Two staff members with support from the Presidents will chair the meetings.
- Teacher representatives will oversee and support the Student Council.

Evaluation:

As part of the annual program audit, this policy will be reviewed by the staff representatives on Student Council.