

Anglesea Primary School

Junior School Council

POLICY

Rationale

Anglesea Primary School recognises that students have a positive contribution to make within the decision-making processes of the school. When students are actively involved in these processes they have an enhanced sense of engagement and pride with the school and its programs. The Junior School Council aims to:

- Provide an avenue for the development of 'student voice' within the school.
- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the students.
- Provide students with a sense of pride and achievement
- Raise awareness of local and global issues and support options for action.

Policy Statement

Participation in Junior School Council will provide an opportunity for students to develop communication and leadership skills. Students are introduced to formal meeting procedures where an awareness of the needs of others is promoted.

Implementation

An election will occur at the beginning of each year where students vote three of the Year 6 students in as office bearers: President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two willing students from each class will also be elected by their peers as Junior School Council representatives.

Meetings of the Junior School Council will be held regularly and will be supervised by a staff member. The group will define the regularity of the meetings, but it is suggested that they be held twice per term. Each meeting will follow standard meeting procedures.

Junior School Council representatives will develop a plan outlining possible activities for the year. Throughout the year Junior School Council may address local or global issues by:

- Conducting fundraising events for charities and not-for-profit organisations.
- Conducting activities to raise awareness of an issue with students and/or the community.

Class teachers will provide opportunities for students to discuss issues raised at Junior School Council meetings. Agendas will be provided to classes for discussion before meetings so that Junior School Council representatives understand the view of their classmates.

Junior School Council representatives will make recommendations on aspects of school life and report back to their respective classes. Communication and cooperation will be encouraged between the Junior School Council, School Council, all students, staff and the Principal. Junior School Council recommendations require the approval of the Principal, Staff, and where appropriate, School Council, prior to implementation.

Student representatives will have the opportunity to participate in letter writing, public speaking, producing reports, poster making, phone calls and other skills required to fulfil their role.

Evaluation and review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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References and Related Policies

'The Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide'.