



Connells Point Public School



Procedures for electing Student Leaders

These procedures apply to the election of **School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects** at Connells Point Public School.

1. In Semester 2, all Year 5 students undergo a Leadership Training Program. This familiarises students with the roles and expectations of leadership and provides a foundation of learning for students who will go on to nominate for a school leadership position.
2. Following the training program, interested students nominate themselves for a leadership position.
3. Year 5 students each vote for two boys and two girls based on the self-nominations.
4. Staff will discuss the nomination list and endorse the students who are eligible to be considered according to the following criteria:
 - Follow the school rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be an Active Learner, at all times (*Refer to CPPS Positive Behaviour matrix*)
 - Have had a maximum of one reflective meeting (reflection room) in the current school year
5. The top 20 candidates (10 girls and 10 boys) will progress to delivering a speech to their peers in Years 2-5 to be considered for a Captain, Vice Captain or Prefect role.
6. Each candidate will create 1 x A4 poster (handwritten or digital), to be displayed in the school for 1 week prior to the election speeches. The poster is intended to promote the candidate and may include the following:
 - The candidate's name and information about himself/herself
 - The qualities and characteristics that make the candidate a suitable school leader
 - Personal achievements at school
7. Students will deliver a speech to Years 2-5. The speech should be 2 minutes in length and highlight the student's suitability for a leadership role. A student's speech must realistically reflect the responsibilities of a student leader. The organising teacher will meet with candidates prior to the delivery of speeches to provide guidelines.
8. Following the delivery of the prepared speeches, the principal will ask each candidate to answer an impromptu question. This will provide a deeper understanding of the student's leadership capabilities.
9. Following the speeches, each student (Years 2-5) will vote for 2 male and 2 female candidates. Each student vote is worth 1 point.

10. Staff then vote for 2 male and 2 female candidates. Each staff vote is worth 3 points.
11. The leadership team will comprise of:
 - 1 male and 1 female School Captain
 - 1 male and 1 female Vice Captain
 - 3 male and 3 female Prefects
12. The election process for Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will take place first (as the primary leadership roles). Students who are successful in this process will not be eligible to nominate for House Captain as they have already secured a leadership role. Students who are unsuccessful at gaining a Captain, Vice Captain or Prefect position can be considered for a House Captain role.
13. Students who have been elected as either a Captain, Vice-Captain or Prefect will be advised that they have attained a leadership position. Their specific role will be announced at the Presentation Assembly, where their badges will be conferred.
14. At the Leadership Breakfast in Term 1 of the following year, all student leaders and their parents/carers will sign the Leadership Contract.
15. Maintenance of the position is dependent on the continuation of exemplary behaviour and attitude throughout the year.

Staff and student votes will remain confidential at all times. The Principal's decision is final in regards to the election of School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects.