Nomination and Selection for School Student Leaders Policy

Preamble
Leadership carries with it an important responsibility to serve others. As young leaders, students at Windsor Park Public School are encouraged not only to develop their own leadership skills but also to inspire and assist other students to do the same.
We believe good leaders develop leadership in others.
The aim of this policy is to provide guidelines for students wishing to nominate for captaincy, and to outline the procedures for the selection of captains.

Policy
Nomination for and the selection of captains will take place in Term 4 each year.

Only students in Year 5 are eligible for nomination and selection for leadership positions for the following year.

One male and one female will be selected as captains.

One male and one female will be selected as vice captains.

There will be two male and two female students occupying prefect positions.

One student from the Supported Classes will be named as an honorary prefect.

Following the counting of the votes, students who successfully gain election to the leadership team will be notified prior to the Annual Presentation Day.

Captains, Vice Captains and Prefect positions will be announced at the Annual Presentation Day Assembly.

All children in Year 5 will be given a set of guidelines outlining the qualities expected of captains, vice captains and prefects.

These guidelines include:

- being a good role model by upholding the school rules and wearing school uniform at all times
- demonstrating pride in the school
- being well respected by students, staff and parents
- being courteous and polite towards others
- possessing a good work ethic
- showing initiative and demonstrating good organisational skills
- displaying school spirit
- being aware of conflict resolution procedures
- being willing to participate in a wide variety of school activities
displaying self-discipline and maintaining a sensible approach to playground behaviour
being willing to participate in discussions
being able to communicate effectively and speak to an audience confidently
being a cooperative group member

Students from Year 5 will nominate the students they wish to stand for election as captain.
This nomination must be seconded.

**Eligibility for Nomination and Selection**

All year 5 students who comply with the school rules and show that they have the qualities set out in the guidelines are eligible for nomination.

**Procedures**

Students from Year 5 will nominate the students they wish to stand for election as captain.
This nomination must be seconded.
The nominees will deliver a speech prior to the election.
Students from the current Years K-6 will then be asked to vote by secret ballot.
The candidates with the largest number of votes (i.e. girl & boy) will be declared the captains.
Voting will be done on a ballot form with photos and names of the candidates listed
Students number the candidates in order of preference.
The school staff will be eligible to vote.
The school Principal has the right of veto.

The announcement of the leadership team will be made following the elections. This will allow our incoming team to work with the previous leadership team during Term 4.

Positions of captain, vice-captain and prefects will be announced at the Annual Presentation Day Assembly

**Induction and Commitment**

After the announcement of the new captains, vice captains and prefects positions at the Annual Presentation Assembly the new leaders will take a pledge of service and leadership to the school. This is a confirmation of their understanding that if they do not uphold the qualities outlined in the guidelines or they display behaviour that is deemed inappropriate for a leader then they will have their badge taken away and lose their position as a school leader.