Philosophical Basis:

The Junior School Council will provide opportunities for the development of leadership, collaborative decision making and communication between students, teachers and the wider school community. Children will be given the opportunity to take an active part in planning for their education and the development of the school environment. They will be introduced to the procedures involved in meetings, presentation of information, the reporting process and operating within a budget.

Guidelines:

- The structure of Junior School Council will model itself on the School Council.
- The Junior School Council will be made up of representatives from each Year 2 to Year 6 class (equal gender representation where possible).
- A vice representative from each Year 2 to Year 6 class will be elected to take the place of the class representative in their absence.
- The Year 6 representatives will be required to act as the liaison persons between the Prep and Year 1 classes and Junior School Council.

Implementation:

- Representatives for Junior School Council will be nominated and elected by their class members.
- Junior School Council will meet during lunchtimes each week.
- A staff member will attend all Junior School Council meetings and report to staff.
- Junior School Council representatives may require time from their classes to gain information from the groups they represent, time to attend the meetings and time to report back to their group.
- An elected representative will speak to the Principal regarding issues raised at the meetings.
- Each Junior School Council member will be offered a position on the Green Team.

Evaluation:

- Enthusiasm and participation shown by Junior School Council members will be monitored.
- Junior School Council members’ feedback to individual classrooms will be noted.
- Staff will observe students taking action in meetings and planned events where appropriate.
- This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle.