Doncaster Gardens Primary School
Student Leadership Policy

Philosophical Basis:
All children at Doncaster Gardens Primary School should have the opportunity to develop leadership qualities throughout their years at primary school. This will be done both formally and informally at all levels of the school.

Guidelines:
- Opportunities for leadership should be provided for all children, at all grade levels, and positions of responsibility shared among the children in each class.
- Leaders should be encouraged to exhibit the qualities of responsibility, reliability, respect, consideration, fairness and initiative, in addition to the school values.
- Positions of responsibility should have role statements.
- Elections for school leadership positions for the following year will be conducted late in Term 4 amongst the Year 5 students.
- Junior School Council (JSC) membership will be in accordance with that policy.
- A male and female school captain and vice-captain (if numbers permit) will be selected by staff.
- Certificates of recognition will be presented for school and house captains.
- House captains and vice-house captains (if numbers permit) will be selected from Year 6 students.
- Year 6 curriculum captains will be selected to assist in the organisation of the following programs: LOTE, ICT, Chess, Art, Music, Technology and Science.

Implementation:
- Representatives from classes from Year 2 to Year 6 will form the JSC under the leadership of a teacher.
- Children will nominate for the position of school captain and prepare a brief speech about themselves to be delivered to the senior classes. They will be expected to respond to questions at the end of their speech. All previous teachers and specialists will be consulted before a final decision is made. Once elected, school captains are excluded from house captain nominations.
- Depending on class numbers, a male and female vice-school captain will be selected during the above process.
- The school leaders will be provided with appropriate training, which may involve programs outside the school when available.
- Year 6 students will be selected for house captain and vice-house captain positions by the Sports Coordinator, in consultation with the appropriate teaching staff, after students have expressed an interest in those positions.
- Student leaders will be presented with badges at an assembly.
- Other positions of responsibility eg Chess, Music, Art, Technology captains, and inter-school team captains, will be selected by the appropriate staff.
- Intra-school team captains will be rotated regularly to give all children the chance to develop leadership skills.
- The Principal's Award will be presented to the school captains at the Year 6 Graduation.
- Each year Peer Mediation training will be offered to 24 Year 5 students to help resolve issues in the yard with Foundation to Year 2 students. This program will be monitored by the Student Engagement & Wellbeing Committee.
- The Principal has the discretion to remove a student from a position of responsibility in the case of a serious breach of the Student Code of Conduct.

Evaluation:
- Evaluation will be ongoing.
- Success will be determined by the effective leadership shown by the school leaders, in conjunction with their enthusiasm and willingness to participate in school-connected activities.
- This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle.