



# Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

## Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) Policy

### **Rationale:**

The Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) will consist of one elected student representative from each class. Elections to the S.R.C. are usually held in the first few weeks of the school year. The previous year's S.R.C. representatives cannot be re-elected for two years. This is to give all children an opportunity to be part of the SRC at some time over their primary schooling.

### **Aims:**

The Student Representative Council is an elected student body who represent the views of all students. The views, ideas and suggestions communicated at the S.R.C. meetings are discussed and considered by the S.R.C. as a whole. Where necessary the School Staff/Leadership may then act on the views, ideas and suggestions made by the larger student body.

The S.R.C. gives insight into the decision-making process that occurs at our school.

The S.R.C. allows the children in each year level to focus on the positives within the school as they consider 4 areas for discussions during class meetings. They are as follows:

- Things we are celebrating
- Issues/concerns on the yard
- Things we are thankful for
- Recommendations to the Principal

### **Implementation:**

#### **The Role of the Student Representative Council:**

- to value student input and ideas and listen to the voices of the students
- to be responsible S.R.C. members
- to represent the views/opinions of members in their class
- to help build a collaborative school environment between staff and students
- to set a good example of what a leader does
- to call regular class meetings
- to help improve the behaviour of the children in the school
- to listen to the ideas of other people
- to take important information from the S.R.C. meetings back to classroom meetings
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- to improve communication lines between students, teachers and Principal
- to give different children a leadership experience

Student Representative Council Meetings are held 3 times a term with the Deputy Principal and (or) Principal.

The S.R.C. will represent the school at public events, e.g. St Patrick's Day Mass where appropriate.

The S.R.C. will form part of our social justice group 'Mini Vinnies' and assist in looking out for the needs of others in our community.

### **Evaluation:**

Each year we look at the workings of the S.R.C. in particular the SRC Sheet the children use to run their meetings. In addition we look at how the S.R.C. fits into the workings of the Make Jesus Real program and the Student Wellbeing programs at our school.