

Election of Chatswood School Captains & Senior Leaders

Leadership Roles:

- One boy and one girl School Captain
- One boy and one girl School Vice Captain
- Six Prefects

The process for the election of school captains / prefects is as follows:

Essential Criteria

- Shows the ability to make decisions for themselves (without peer pressure).
- Demonstrates exemplary behaviour – acts with integrity, honesty and respect. (Not been to the Deputy Principal or Principal for negative behaviours in the current year).
- Has shown a willingness to be involved in extracurricular activities.
- Displays initiative and works well as a team member.
- Possesses strong communication skills. (Written / verbal, reflective listening.)
- Proudly wears school uniform, prepared to wear formal school uniform in leadership role.

Role Description

- To provide leadership to the school body.
- To represent and speak publicly on behalf of the student body at school functions.
- To represent the school at community functions.

Procedures

1. The Deputy Principal and Principal will address the Year Five group and describe the work of the captains, criteria and the process that will be followed.
2. Each Year Five child is given a nomination form. These are completed as detailed and returned to their class teacher within the specified time frame.
3. The Executive Staff and Year Five Teachers will check each nominee for behavioural patterns over the past year. Repeated appearance to the Deputy Principal or Principal will negate the nomination. The final nomination list will be prepared.
4. Year Five will vote for the initial nominees – executive to cull to final 10 – (5 girls & 5 boys) these names presented to staff for final comment.
5. On a specified day each of the nominees will be given the opportunity to present a speech to years 2 – 5. The nominees will be told of the

speech requirements in the morning when presented to the morning assembly. The nominees will present their speeches after recess.

6. Following the presentations of the speeches all students in grades 2– 5 will vote for five of the boy candidates and five of the girl candidates, marking 1 to 5 on the ballot paper. Voting will be secret and the votes will be counted by the Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal.
7. Each staff member will also vote in the secret ballot.
8. The results of the voting will be taken as a **recommendation** from the staff and student body to the School Executive.
9. The Principal and Executive will make the final decision.
10. This decision will be announced on Presentation Night.