



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICY

Student Leadership is encouraged at all levels of Mortlake College, and opportunities are provided in a range of ways.

At the senior level there is a Senior Student Leadership team which comprises two School captains, two vice captains and the senior house captains. It can include students nominated by the principal as deemed appropriate. This group meets fortnightly with the Principal, Assistant Principal and Student Leadership Coordinator to plan events and discuss issues that have been raised by the student body.

The senior student leaders run school assembly each Monday morning, and play a leading role in various events through the year eg. Presentation Night, the Leadership assembly, Anzac Day commemoration etc.

Within the house system there are leaders at each of the following levels: Senior, 8-10, 6-7 and P-5. These leaders feed information to the senior student leaders, and also play a major role in running philanthropic fundraising days and daily house meetings.

Within the curriculum there is a particular focus on developing leadership skills in a range of subjects such as Advance, Performing Arts, Sport and of course the camps program.

Outside the school we try to participate as much as possible in events that will develop leadership skills. For the past seven years we have been successful in our applications to have groups of Year 9 students participate in the School for Student Leadership for a term each year.

Since its inception we have been part of the Young Leaders' Congress in Warrnambool, which encourages students to plan and carry out a project within their school which is then showcased at an annual Presentation Night.

Each year we participate in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod across a range of categories and year levels in order to develop confidence and public speaking skills which can help students in taking on leadership roles in other areas.

All of these activities are just some of the ways in which we work to align ourselves with our goal of encouraging student participation in leadership opportunities with an emphasis on student involvement in decision-making.

## Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle or more frequently if required by changed circumstances.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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**Principal**

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**School Council President**