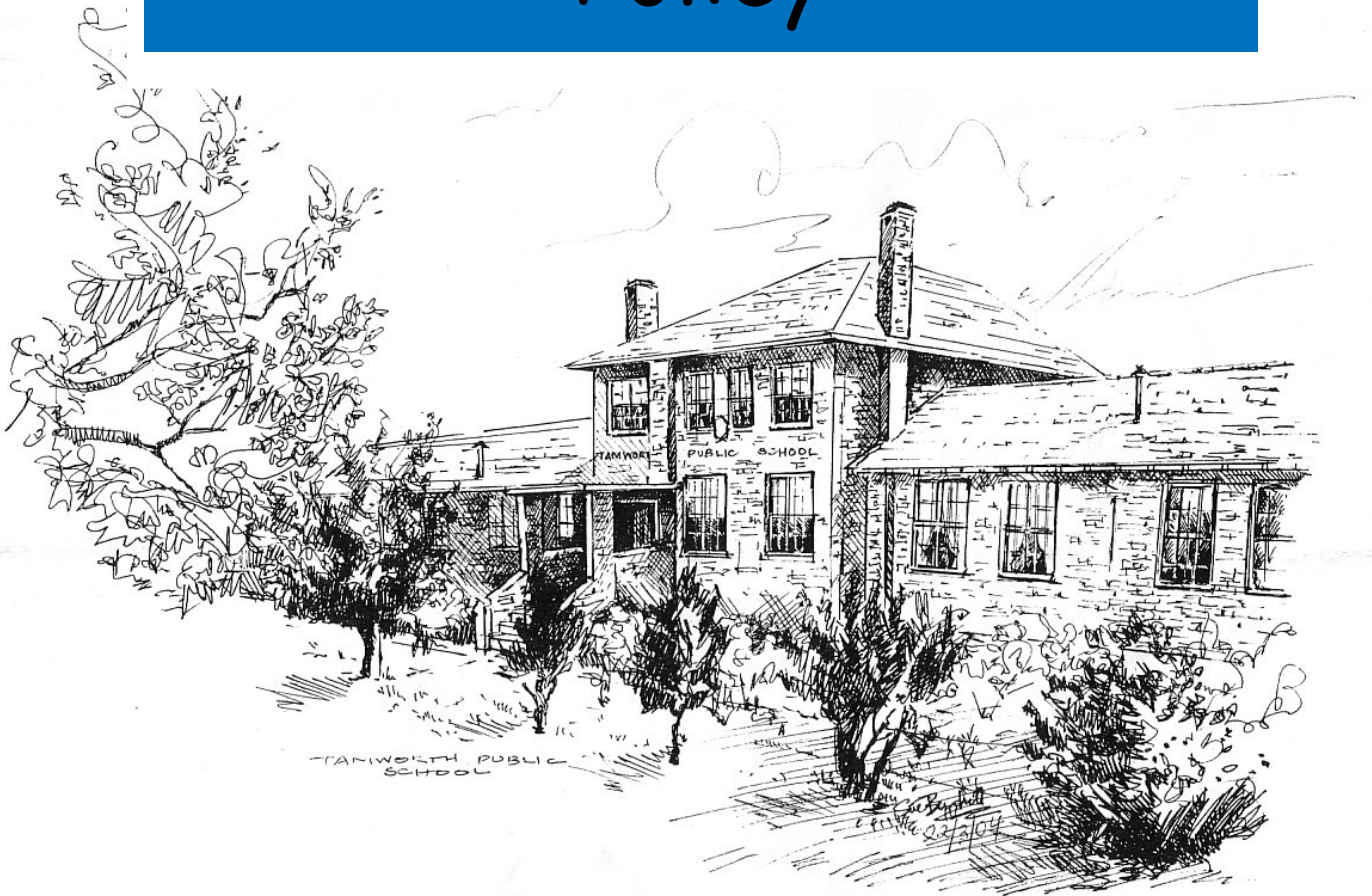


Tamworth Public School Student Leadership Policy



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP POLICY

RATIONALE

At Tamworth Public School, we focus on developing our student leadership skills through formal leadership programs and practical leadership experiences. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles in an endeavour to act as effective role models for the student body, offer responsible service to their school and peers and lay the foundations for future leadership success.

Student leadership is based on the values of Tamworth Public School including Care, Courtesy and Consideration, as well as the school motto of "Aim High".

AIMS

- To provide an opportunity for students to become skilled in all aspects of leadership.
- To ensure that student leaders are positive role models for other students.
- To provide a democratic forum where all students are represented by a peer leader.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

A student leadership team, known as the Student Representative Council (SRC) will be established each year, through an election, and will consist of:

One Boy Captain and one Girl Captain

One Boy Vice-Captain and one Girl Vice-Captain

Three Boy SRC Representatives and three Girl SRC Representatives

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) ROLE DESCRIPTION

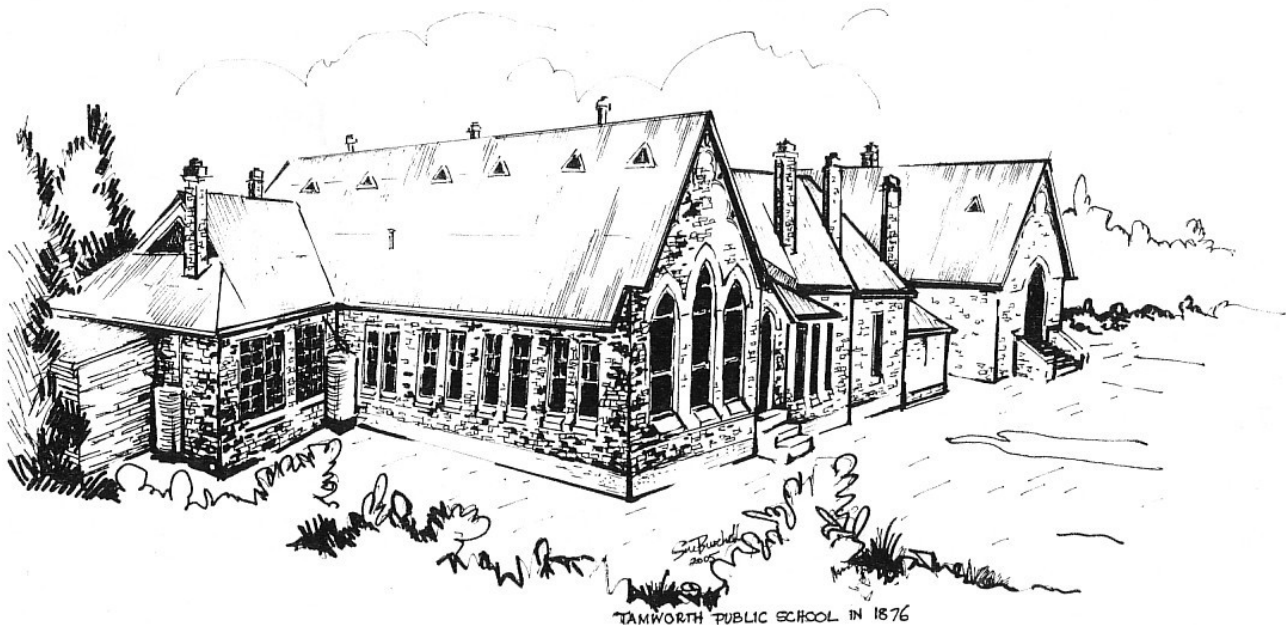
- * Provide a positive role model to the student body;
- * Represent the student body at school and community functions;
- * Coordinate and chair school and stage assemblies;
- * Encourage students to take pride in their school;
- * Assist any student in need when necessary;
- * Willingly help school staff and community members when necessary.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- * Maintain exemplary standards of work and behaviour in class and school activities;
- * Maintain an acceptable standard of dress and grooming in accordance with the school's uniform policy;
- * Demonstrate the ability to make decisions for themselves (without peer pressure);
- * Demonstrate the ability to speak confidently and spontaneously in public;
- * Demonstrate school spirit and pride:
- * Respect and promote inclusiveness.

LOSS OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES

Students who have been entrusted with leadership roles are expected to uphold their roles and responsibilities. Any student leader who does not comply with the essential criteria, or who is involved in a serious breach of the school rules, may have their leadership position rescinded, either temporarily or permanently, after consultation with the Principal and Executive Staff.



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SRC ELECTION PROCESS

TERM 4 WEEK 2

Year 5 students meet with Principal, Deputy Principals, SRC Coordinator and Year 5 teachers to discuss SRC Nominations.

The process is explained to students and the Roles and Responsibilities information sheet is distributed to students.

Students will also receive a nomination sheet. If they wish to nominate for SRC, they fill out the form and get the signature of a peer and their parent to support their nomination. The essential criteria for nomination will be included with the nomination form, to ensure parents have read and understood them and endorse their child's nomination. Nominations are delivered to The Principal for consideration and approval, according to the stated criteria and expectations, in order to progress to the next stage of the election.

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Year 5 students meet and the students who have nominated for the SRC are introduced. They give a brief statement to the group before the first round of voting commences. Year 5 and 6 teachers and Executive Staff will also vote (Staff votes are weighted at 3pts).

(Voters are to select 10 girls and 10 boys, numbering them 1-10 in order of preference).

Votes are counted by at least two staff members, one being an Executive, the other being the SRC Coordinator, and the results are delivered to the Principal, who makes a judgement on final 20 recommendations from the Staff and student body.

TERM 4 WEEK 6 (Canberra Excursion)

All nominees meet with Deputy Principal/Principal and the final ten girls and final ten boys are announced. (These students will progress to the presentation of speeches in front of the Primary students.)

Finalists prepare and deliver a 2 minute speech to students in Years 3-5, the teachers of those grades and Executive staff. (If a student is absent on the day of speeches, they are still eligible for election and may request an appropriate student or staff member to read their speech on their behalf or provide a recording of their speech to be played. They will not be penalised for being absent.) No props to be used (palm cards allowed).

Students return to classrooms where voting forms have been delivered in envelopes. A preferential voting system applies, whereby students place the numbers 1-10 next to the girl candidates AND 1-10 next to the boy candidates in order of preference.

The votes are weighted as follows: Teaching Staff – 5 points, Year 5 – 3 points, Year 4 - 2 points, Year 3 – 1 point

Teaching staff who are unable to attend the presentation of speeches will still be able to cast their votes on the day. Voting for teaching staff is voluntary.

The votes are counted by at least two staff members, at least one being an Executive, and the results are delivered to the Principal.

TERM 4 WEEK 9 (Depending on length of Term 4)

Finalists meet with Deputy Principal/Principal and are informed who has been selected for the SRC. The announcement of Captains and Vice Captains remains confidential until Presentation Day.

TERM 4 WEEK 10 (Depending on length of Term 4)

The announcement of SRC, Vice Captains and Captains is to be made by the Principal at Presentation Day. Ceremonial "handing-over" of school blazers by current Captains and Vice-Captains occurs during ceremony.

Leaders' Induction Ceremony held at school in Term 1 of the following year.

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SRC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of Year 5 students to nominate and vote for the finalists for the School. Stage 3 Staff will also vote in order to determine the finalists who will speak in Week 6.

Captains, Vice Captains and Student Representative Council (SRC).

Students who are prepared to take on the responsibility of SRC must be nominated by one of their peers and have their nomination form signed by a parent.

Being a member of the SRC is a very important responsibility and students should think seriously about whether or not they are prepared to fulfil all the responsibilities of the job. The following behaviours are expected AT ALL TIMES of members of the SRC:

- * Wear the full school uniform including correct colour socks, shoes and headbands every day. Sports uniform should only be worn on PE/Sport days, NOT every day. School hat should always be worn.
- * SRC members should always display exemplary behaviour and should not be receiving green slips for behaviour in the playground or classroom and rarely, if ever, have received an orange slip.
- * The ability to converse well with other students, staff members, parents and guests in the school. There will be occasions when SRC are expected to greet and escort visitors at special events and conduct conversations with them at these times.
- * SRC members are expected to be positive role models for the student body.

The following is a list of some (but not all) of the responsibilities you must be willing to undertake:

- *Someone who will proudly represent the school at outside activities including ANZAC Day March and Remembrance Day.
- *Model the values of "Care, Courtesy and Consideration", which are fundamental to the ethos of Tamworth Public School.
- *Chairing Stage 3 and Whole School Assemblies.
- *Speaking at the Presentation Day Ceremony at the Town Hall at the end of the year.
- *SRC members may be asked to assist in the Canteen and help with serving at special events like Grandfriends Day morning tea.
- *Attendance at all SRC meetings and a willingness to contribute ideas (that you have previously discussed with your class and teacher), and a willingness to work as part of a team to implement these ideas when and where appropriate.
- *Assisting at the Discos, K-2 Athletics Carnivals, Kinder Buddies program, Charity Day and other special events throughout the year.
- *Assisting with the delivery of Magpie newsletters, Detention rosters and other memos and notes.

If you feel you would be a reliable and enthusiastic SRC member, understand the process and can accept the outcome with grace and maturity, take a nomination form, discuss it with your parents and teacher and return it to SRC Coordinator by Monday of Week 3.