



# **Deniliquin North Public school**

## **PREFECT POLICY**

**(Reviewed 2007)**

### **AIMS**

- 1 To develop leadership qualities and skills.
- 2 To enhance school tone and provide senior students with the opportunity to be role models.
- 3 To foster a sense of responsibility in students towards the welfare of the school.
- 4 To promote student participation in school leadership.
- 5 To form the nucleus of a Student Council.
- 6 To give students the opportunity to participate in an election.
- 7 To give the position of prefect a high status in the school.

### **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

- 1 Students who are in Year 5 may nominate themselves for election as a prefect/captain for the following school year.
- 2 Students wishing to be included in the ballot for prefect/captain must present an address to the whole school assembly outlining why they believe they would be a suitable candidate. This speech must be previewed by an executive staff member.
- 3 Students must be prepared to sign the prefects'/captains pledge and abide by all school rules.
- 4 Parents of students who wish to nominate for prefect/captain must be prepared to support and encourage their child to fulfil all requirements of the position.
- 5 Candidates must have the skills, personality, attitude and behaviour to project a positive image of Deniliquin North to the community.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1 Preside over special functions and ceremonies such as Anzac Day, Presentation Ceremony, visits by special guests etc.
- 2 Make speeches and announcements at assemblies.
- 3 Organise and conduct assemblies.
- 4 Represent the school at community functions.
- 5 Assist in school organisation, eg. monitoring playground behaviour.
- 6 Lead a small committee of senior students to help in his/her assigned role
- 7 The captains will be active for the whole year, whereas the prefects will have one term in active leadership. The other three terms they will be considered as honorary prefects.
- 8 Be a role model of behaviour and dress to all.

Duties may change from year to year depending on school circumstances.

## **PROCEDURE**

- 1 Voting will take place during the second part of term 4.
- 2 Staff in charge of years 5 and 6 and an executive will form the committee to conduct elections.
- 3 All staff and students in years 2 to 6 will be eligible to vote.
- 4 Nominations will be considered by the committee and those accepted will be included on the ballot paper.
- 5 The number of prefects elected, (including captains), will vary depending on the number of students in year 6. The usual number would be 14 (including captains).
- 6 Prefects and staff will elect a boy and a girl captain at a special morning tea.
- 7 All ballots will be secret and counting will be done by the committee.
- 8 Elections will be announced at an assembly. Investiture to office for the captains will take place at the school's annual Presentation Ceremony. Investiture to office for other prefects will be at a Special Assembly at the beginning of each term.
- 9 The Principal will have the casting vote if necessary.

## **Prefects Pledge**

**As a prefect at Deniliquin North School I promise to:**

**Set an example to my fellow pupils by dress, manners and behaviour.**

**Fulfil my responsibilities to the best of my ability.**

**Always honour my school.**