Rationale:

Our school is a partnership between teachers, parents, students and the community. Student input into formal decision-making is integral to our mutual success. A formal and structured Student Representative Council will provide a forum for students to express their views, and to have them heard.

Aims:

To provide a formal and recognised process to effectively and fairly gather and express students’ opinions, suggestions and recommendations regarding school direction and day-to-day decision making.

Implementation:

- Each semester, the Year 6 class teachers will conduct student only elections for a Student Representative Council (SRC). Principal and Assistant Principal will interview each candidate for final selection.
- Membership of the SRC must be proportionally representative, providing a balance of girls/boys.
- Students may not be excluded from SRC membership due to any reason such as race, religion or non-payment of voluntary contributions.
- Elected members will receive badges, will be recognised in the newsletter, and will receive directions as to their role and basic meeting procedures and protocols.
- The nominated staff member will chair all SRC meetings.
- The SRC will meet monthly, or more frequently if required.
- SRC issues will be forwarded to the Principal and Vice Principal.
- The opinions expressed by SRC will be carefully considered by the Principal and will receive appropriate feedback.
- SRC will have available, a regular section in the newsletter to report to the community.
- The day-to-day coordination of SRC will be managed by an assigned Teacher.
- SRC will review the Student Code of Conduct each year.

Evaluation:

This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all members of the SRC and School Council as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in... March, 04

School council President......... Karina Kerr...........(signature)

References: