

Dear Parents,

As we commence the final term for the year, we begin to look ahead to 2019 when our current Year 5 students will be in their final year of primary school. This is the year in which these students are recognised as student leaders. While it is made clear that all students have a role to play as leaders, a percentage of students will be offered specific leadership positions. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with more information about the Year 6 Leadership Selection Process.

To completely understand the process, we are making available to you two documents that are used by the school. One is the Policy which outlines the goals of Year 6 leadership selection and the other is the Process that will outline the step by step procedure. Both of these documents are available on the homepage of the Year 5 website. <http://tppsgrade5.weebly.com/> and via Compass.

While this is an exciting time for staff, students and their families, it is also a time that can be challenging. One of the great features of Templestowe Park is our high quality students. The Year 5 students this year have proven to be mature, hardworking young people who fully understand our five school values and how to live by them. Selecting only a small number of students to receive a specific leadership role is difficult.

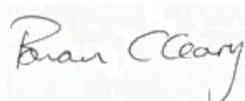
Prior to reading the documents, we would like to make clear some very important aspects of the program.

- All students in Year 6 are considered student leaders. While some students will be offered specific roles, it is the school's obligation to assist all students to develop their leadership skills.
- It is not unusual for students to be disappointed and upset if they miss out on receiving a leadership position. For students who may feel this way, we ask parents to help staff in reassuring their child to understand that being unsuccessful in receiving a position is not a failure. Each year, there are many students who are capable and worthy of being selected however, it is a given that many of them will miss out for no other reason than there are simply not enough leadership positions for everybody.
- All staff and Year 5 students have input into selecting candidates. Clearly set out criteria form the basis for selection. High academic achievement, outstanding sporting achievements and so on are not considered during the selection process. For example a student who is outstanding in the field of Physical Education or Music does not automatically mean they are the preferred Sport or Music Captains.
- A student's level of consistency in displaying our school values over their time at TPPS is paramount in selecting 2019 student leaders. The following characteristics will be used to shortlist and select students.
 - character
 - level of responsibility
 - behaviour
 - confidence
 - initiative
- While each student will nominate 35 of their peers for leadership positions, all staff will be involved in endorsing them and assigning roles.

Kind regards,



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