STUDENT LEADERSHIP

POLICY

Rationale:

Student leadership provides an opportunity for students to actively participate in the decision-making processes at our school. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles in an endeavour to increase their own leadership skills and to act as effective role models for the student body.
Our school believes encouraging student leadership assists in developing our community leaders of the future.

Aims:

- To provide opportunities for students to play a significant and effective role in the decision making processes of our school.
- 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 create a whole school community where every member feels their contribution is valuable.

Implementation:

General statements:

- A process of feedback and consultation will be implemented to ensure that the views of the whole student body are being considered.
- The school will provide opportunities where possible for the student leadership team to undertake leadership professional development, such as attending the annual GRIP Leadership conference for Primary School leaders in Mt. Gambier.
- Students will be actively encouraged to participate in community events.
- Opportunities will be provided for the student leadership team to practice their leadership skills in a variety of forums.
- The student leadership team will be given the opportunity to take school assemblies.
- The student leadership team will, when appropriate, contribute articles to the school newsletter.

School Captains:

- The school will, by process of student vote, elect School Captain(s) each year. Captain(s) will be selected following prepared oral presentations by candidates to the student body by Year 5s in term 4 each year. Announcements will be made at the school presentation night in the final week of the school year. The traditional composition of the School Captain positions has been one boy and one girl position but this may be altered at the discretion of the staff dependent upon numbers of Year 6s available and the suitability of available candidates.

Junior Council:

- The school will, by process of student vote, elect two Junior Council leaders each year (President and Secretary). These will be selected following prepared oral presentations by candidates to the student body by Year 5s in term 4 each year. Announcements will be made at the school presentation night in the final week of the school year. The composition

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of the Junior Council leadership may be altered at the discretion of the staff where Year 6 numbers are low or high.

- A Student Representative Council will be constituted annually. One representative from each year level (prep to 5) will be elected by the children in the classes concerned at the start of each school year. A second representative per year level may be added if there is a larger cohort in any one year level in the school.
- Student representatives will be invited to provide reports for School Council.

House Captains:

- The school will, by process of student vote, elect two House Captains each year. These students will lead Glenelg and Wannon Houses for the year. Captains will be selected following prepared oral presentations by candidates to the student body by Year 5s in term 4 each year. Announcements will be made at the school presentation night in the final week of the school year. The composition of the House leadership may be altered at the discretion of the staff where Year 6 numbers are low or high.

Bus Captains:

- The school will appoint Bus Captains each year. These shall be selected by staff from the senior (Years 5 and 6) students travelling on each bus. The number of Bus Captains will be determined by the number of available candidates and previously assigned responsibilities to senior students, but has been traditionally one or two Captains per bus. Announcements of Bus Captains will be made at the school presentation night in the final week of the school year.
- Bus Captains have a responsibility to set a high standard of behaviour on the bus and to assist the driver in having all passengers adhere to the bus rules.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	**May 2016**

Cavendish Primary School is committed to Child Safety – We have a zero tolerance for child abuse.

References: