

## **CRESWICK NORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY**

### **Rationale**

Students have a positive contribution to make within the decision-making processes of the school. When students are actively involved in these processes, they have an enhanced sense of commitment to the school and its programs. The Junior School Council aims to:

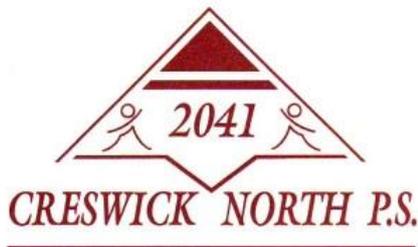
- Provide students with a sense of pride and achievement.
- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the children.
- Provide an avenue for the development of 'student voice' within the school.
- Raise student awareness of local and global issues and associated support options.

### **Guidelines**

- All students in Years Foundation to 6 are represented on the Junior School Council.
- The Junior School Council will meet regularly, with supervising staff. This will include 2-3 formal meetings per term plus coming together in an organizing capacity for planned events.
- Junior School Council representatives will be responsible for discussing issues at Junior School Council meetings and will be responsible for reporting to their grades.
- Junior School Council representatives will make recommendations on aspects of school life.
- The supervising and class teachers will discuss the responsibilities of the Junior School Council representatives with the students involved.
- Junior School Council will provide opportunities for students to be proactive, contributing members of the broader community.

### **Implementation**

- Each grade will select one representative for the year to participate in Junior School Council meetings.
- If possible, the same student will not be elected as the representative for the following year.
- The Junior School Council representatives will meet on a regular basis.
- Class teachers will provide opportunities for students to discuss issues raised at Junior School Council meetings.
- Agendas will be provided to classes for discussion before meetings.
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- Junior School Council recommendations require the approval of the Principal, Staff, and where appropriate, School Council, prior to implementation.
- Students will have opportunities to support those who are less fortunate by providing services or by contributing to fundraising activities arranged within the school community or by outside agencies.
- A Social Service fundraiser may be undertaken once a term. The focus of this will be decided by Junior School Council representatives after discussion with supervising teachers, and after feedback from classes and staff.
- The proposed Social Service activity will require the approval of the Principal whomay liaise with the Parents and Friends Association.
- Minutes of Junior School Council meetings will be circulated to the School Council, the Business Manager, the staff and the Parents and Friends' Association.

### **Evaluation:**

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

### **Certification:**

This policy was endorsed by School Council at the meeting held on 25 March 2015

*Signed:.....*  
*Principal*

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*School Council President*