St Kevin’s Student Representative Council

Preamble

The SRC has been established in 2012 as a response to several areas that have become apparent during the schools cyclic review process.

• To increase student engagement in school life
• To build leadership skills and capacity
• To give students a voice in school decisions

 SRC members are in general elected by a popular vote. The school however recognises that students need guidance in their decisions and that teachers have an important role to play in ensuring that opportunity is broad and appropriate character is developed and represented on the SRC. Teachers therefore may have the deciding say on those children selected to represent the student body, as they do to a different degree with year 6 school leaders.

The Role of the SRC

• To develop positive attitudes and to practice good citizenship.
• To promote harmonious relations throughout the entire school.
• To improve student/teacher relationships.
• To improve school morale and general welfare.
• To provide a forum for student expression.
• To plan special events or projects.

The Role of SRC member

• Be enthusiastic
• Be involved
• Get things done
• Have a high maturity level
• Be committed to helping others
• Be able to manage your time effectively (being able to keep up with work)
• Be visible - make yourself known
• Advise your classmates and peers of how to contact you
• Collect the views of your classmates and peers and present them clearly and in a non-prejudicial way at SRC meetings and beyond, when required
• Prepare for SRC meetings by having gone over the minutes of the previous meeting and making sure any actions you were supposed to do are done.
• Follow up on actions allocated to you
The Characteristics of an SRC member

- Be a good student: this means working to the best of the student's ability and contributing positively at all times to the learning environment of the classroom.
- Relate well to others: the SRC member would act in a friendly and supportive way to students in their own class and to children in other classes as well. SRC members are comfortable relating to others outside of their friendship group.
- Be a good role model: as an SRC member, the student would be expected to uphold high standards of conduct in dealing with their peers, teachers, guests to the school and when out of excursions. In this way, the SRC member would be a role model to others that such behaviour is to be always encouraged and fostered at St Kevin's.
- Be a responsible citizen: SRC members would be expected to follow all school rules especially while on the playground and with regards to the correct wearing of uniform. They would also seek to assist teachers at all times where necessary and support all elements of the vision statement of the school.

Structure of the SRC & Terms of Service

The Student representative Council shall be made up of:

- The two School Captains (one male & one female)
- The four House Captains
- Two representatives from each class
- Year 6 members with leadership roles will sit on the SRC for 12 months
- All other class representatives will sit on the SRC for two terms.
- No student can serve consecutive terms on the SRC.
- Students can only be SRC members once during the Prep-2 years and once during the 3-5 years.
- The Principal or their representative (Deputy Principal) shall be an executive member of the SRC.

Meetings of the SRC

The Student representative Council shall meet on a monthly basis during school time. Meetings will be during class time. It is expected that students sitting on the SRC will catch upon any work missed. Minutes will be kept for all meetings and made available to all students.