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## Student Leadership at Palmview SSC

### Rationale:

Student leadership at Palmview SSC is far more than a title — it is a powerful pathway for growth. Research from organisations such as the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership and the Australian Student Wellbeing Framework highlights that when young people are given authentic voice, responsibility and opportunities to contribute, they develop stronger wellbeing, confidence, communication skills and a deeper connection to school.

Students who engage in leadership roles often demonstrate improved teamwork, resilience and academic engagement. Across our college, student leadership extends beyond badged roles to include opportunities for all students to grow their leadership capacity. By stepping into leadership, students don't just build their resumes — they build character, capability and the confidence to make a positive difference in our school and wider community.

### Why Student Leadership Matters:

Students who take on leadership roles often develop:

- Confidence and public speaking skills
- Teamwork and collaboration capabilities
- Organisation and time management skills
- A stronger sense of belonging and school pride
- Resilience and problem-solving abilities
- A genuine capacity to make a positive difference

Leadership is also highly valued in future pathways — including senior schooling, university applications and scholarships, apprenticeships and employment.

### Leadership Opportunities:

While some roles are highly visible within our college, leadership at Palmview SSC is diverse and inclusive.

Opportunities include:

- College Prefects - Senior and Junior College Captains, Culture Captain, House Captains
- Student Representative Committee (SRC) - President, Secretary, members
- Four Pillars Leadership
  - Cultural leaders - including arts captains and community leadership opportunities
  - Academic leaders - including Optiminds leadership
  - Sporting leaders - including sports team captains
  - Service leaders - including peer mentors, wellness and inclusion leaders
- Year 12 Student Leadership – as leaders of our college, all year 12 students are encouraged proactively seek opportunities to demonstrate leadership

## College Prefects

Leadership Roles	Available Positions	Example Responsibilities
Senior College Captains	Maximum of two students, selected from the year 11 cohort for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representing the college at school and community events</li> <li>• Hosting assemblies including ceremonies such as ANZAC Day, Celebration of Excellence and graduation</li> <li>• Assisting with whole college events such as celebrations, sports carnivals, house events</li> <li>• Speaking opportunities</li> <li>• Celebration of Excellence</li> <li>• SRC meetings</li> <li>• Attend camps</li> </ul>
Senior College Vice-Captains	Maximum of two students, selected from the year 11 cohort for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the College Captains with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ representing the college at school and community events</li> <li>○ assemblies including ceremonies such as ANZAC Day, Celebration of Excellence and graduation</li> <li>○ whole college events such as celebrations, house events</li> <li>○ Speaking opportunities and Celebration of Excellence</li> <li>○ SRC meetings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
College Culture Captain	Maximum of one student, selected from years 9 to 11 for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting with assemblies including ceremonies such as ANZAC Day, Celebration of Excellence and graduation</li> <li>• Supporting the inclusive enactment of the College's Positive Relationships agreement</li> <li>• Assist with cultural events such as Harmony week, NAIDOC week</li> <li>• Liaising with local First Nations, Islander and other cultural groups</li> <li>• SRC meetings</li> </ul>
Junior College Captains	Maximum of two students, selected from the year 8 cohort for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representing the college at school and community events</li> <li>• Assisting with assemblies including ceremonies such as ANZAC Day and graduation</li> <li>• Assisting with whole college events such as celebrations, sports carnivals, house events</li> <li>• Speaking opportunities</li> <li>• Celebration of Excellence</li> <li>• SRC meetings</li> </ul>
Senior House Captains	Maximum of two students per house, selected from the year 11 cohort for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting with house and whole college events including house parades, House Cup events, sports events and celebrations</li> <li>• Promoting house spirit and participation</li> <li>• Working with staff house mentors</li> <li>• Assisting with assemblies including ceremonies such as ANZAC Day and graduation</li> <li>• SRC meetings</li> </ul>
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## Student Representative Committee (SRC)

Leadership Roles	Available Positions	Example Responsibilities
SRC President	Maximum of one student, selected from any grade for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host SRC meetings</li> <li>• Communicate and work with SRC staff members</li> <li>• Assist with SRC events</li> <li>• Propose, lead and assist with SRC projects</li> </ul>
SRC Secretary	Maximum of one student, selected from any grade for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record minutes for SRC meetings</li> <li>• Communicate and work with SRC staff members</li> <li>• Propose, lead and assist with SRC projects</li> </ul>
SRC Members	Selected from any grade for a 12-month representation beginning in term 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend SRC meetings</li> <li>• Communicate and work with SRC staff members</li> <li>• Propose, lead and assist with SRC projects</li> </ul>
College Prefects	As per previous page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is an expectation that college prefects take an active role in SRC events, including regular attendance at SRC meetings</li> </ul>

## Four Pillars Leadership

Four Pillars Leadership includes all leadership opportunities that align with the Four Pillars of Excellence – Cultural, Academic, Sporting and Service. Four Pillars Leadership positions are un-badged but recognised at the Celebration of Excellence. Four Pillars Leadership roles are an excellent way for students to develop leadership capability and to build a leadership portfolio.

Pillar of Excellence	Example Leadership Roles
Cultural	Arts leaders such as dance or music captains
Academic	Team leaders such Optiminds captains, peer tutors
Sporting	Sports team leaders such as netball captains
Service	Peer Mentors, community leadership such as Lions Club programs

## Year 12 Leadership

As leaders of our college, all year 12 students are expected to lead our college through everyday behaviours that align with and model our core values of Trust, Connect and Grow. Year 12 students are encouraged to challenge themselves to find ways to lead through volunteering and assisting with college events and thus grow and develop valued leadership skills.

### **Leadership Election Process – College Prefects:**

- Step 1: Nominations for leadership positions are advertised in week 2 of term 2, communicated on year assemblies, full-school assemblies, Compass News Items and emails.
- Step 2: Students are to submit a completed nomination form prior to the due date (end of week 4). The nomination form is to be completed by the student; endorsed by one peer, two staff members and the principal (principal endorsement will occur following submission of form); and signed by parents or carers.
- Step 3: Nominees will prepare and deliver a short 1-2min speech on an assembly in week 6.
- Step 4: Student vote will occur in Connect on the day following the assembly speeches.
- Step 5: Nominees will be shortlisted. Shortlist is determined by nomination form, speech and student vote. Students are informed of shortlist selection or non-selection via student email.
- Step 6: Students on shortlist will be interviewed by the election panel (consisting of principal or delegate, HOYs or teaching staff representative, current college captains or student representative)
- Step 7: Election panel meet to make final decisions. Students are informed of the outcome via student email.
- Step 8: Student leaders are announced to the school community in week 10 of term 2.
- Step 9: Student leaders are inducted during Student Leadership Investiture assembly in term 3.

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- Step 3: Election panel (consisting of principal or delegate, HOYs or teaching staff representative, current college captains or student representative) meet to elect SRC members. Students are informed of the outcome via student email.
- Step 4: SRC members meet nominate, second and vote on President and Secretary positions.
- Step 8: Student leaders are announced to the school community in week 10 of term 2.
- Step 9: Student leaders are inducted during Student Leadership Investiture assembly in term 3.

### **Leadership Election Process – Four Pillars Leadership:**

Four Pillars Leadership positions are determined by staff members leading the related programs. Decisions are made based on how students display leadership qualities aligning with the college values of Trust, Connect and Grow.