



Mernda Primary School 0488

JSC POLICY

RATIONALE

The Junior School Council assists the Principal, staff and School Council on matters of school improvement which may include being positive role models for the other students in the school, to provide a voice for the students in their grade regarding matters that affect them and regularly report back to the students in their class, attendance at meetings and implementation of initiatives such as managing social service.

AIMS

1. To provide the opportunity for students, particularly grade 6 students, to participate in decision making
2. To provide experience and understanding of the functioning of the school.
3. To give the children practical experience in administration, meeting procedures and following through with decisions.
4. To provide an avenue for the children to voice their opinions and ideas in a formal, structured way.
5. To involve students in Social Service.
6. To develop citizenship and student responsibility.
7. To help with fundraising, maintenance of school grounds and buildings.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. One child will represent each class.
2. Grades 3 – 6 will elect their own representatives from within their class. Two students from the upper school, elected by their peers, will represent infant classes.
3. Gender balance will prevail where possible.
4. Each representative will be elected for a term of one year.
5. The elected council will elect the President and Secretary.
6. Meetings will occur on a regular basis.
7. A staff member will attend each meeting in an advisory capacity.
8. Regular reports of meetings will be given to the Principal, School Council, staff and community.
9. Class representatives will report back to their classes after each meeting.
10. At class meetings children are to discuss issues, problems or ideas they would like taken to the Junior School Council.
11. Recommendations involving finance or school improvement made at J.S.C will be subject to approval by the school administration or council sub committees.

EVALUATION

Evaluation will include

- Discussions at staff and School Council meetings.
- Student and parent comments.
- Observations by the representatives.
- Budget reports showing expenditure and profits.