



Kensington Primary School

Student Leader Elections Guidelines and Processes

Nominations

All Year 5 students are given a leadership nomination form early in Term 4 and can nominate themselves for student councillor and/or faction captain. If they nominate for both, they must identify their preferred position. Students who have lost their good standing at least once in Year 5 are not eligible to nominate. The nominations must be signed off by a member of staff and the principal before being accepted. Ballot papers will be reviewed in class to ensure that all nominees' names are correctly placed on the appropriate papers. Leaders are expected to maintain a good behaviour record and agree to abide by stated expectations if they are elected to a position.

Positions

There are eight positions on the student council: four boys and four girls, including the head boy and head girl. Each faction will have one boy and one girl as Faction Captains. The two students with the next highest votes, regardless of gender, will be Vice-Captains.

Electors

The Year 3-5 students will elect Student Councillors for the following year through secret ballot using preferential voting. There will be two ballot papers for student councillors: one for the boys and one for the girls, and all students in Years 3-5 will vote on both. Faction captains and vice-captains will be elected by students in Years 3-5 from within their respective factions, meaning students can only vote for the captains and vice-captains in their own faction. There will be four ballot papers for the factions – one for each of the four factions. Teachers will be given their ballots ahead of the election to ensure they have an opportunity to vote for all leaders, and their votes are included in the ballot box.

Campaigning

Students will prepare a one-minute speech for the student councillor and faction leader elections. If they have nominated for both, they will prepare and give two separate speeches. The student councillor speeches will be addressed to the Year 3-5 student body. The faction speeches will be presented to the Years 3-5 students in that faction. No advertising or incentives are allowed, ensuring consistency and fairness. All speeches must be given in person and immediately precede the corresponding election.

Results

The Electoral Education Centre, which is an independent body that forms part of the WA Electoral Commission, will advise the school. The school will count the votes. Two school leaders will independently prepare the results announcement, and the outcomes will be compared to ensure accuracy. Any adjudication will be provided by the Electoral Education Centre.

Education

Students in Years 3-5 will receive lessons on preferential voting to ensure they understand how the process and counting work before the election. The principal will also present a lesson on leadership to the Year 5 students.

Grievances

Any concerns about the election must be put in writing to the principal before the end of the school year. Grievances must be related to the election process, not the results. Reasons for concerns must be provided.

Leadership Nomination Form

This form needs to be returned to Ms Jones by *Friday 31st October 2025*

I, _____, wish to nominate myself for a leadership role at Kensington Primary School for the 2026 school year.

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Faction Captain for _____

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Student Councillor

(Please indicate with a 1 or 2 the order of your preference for these roles, if you are nominating for both.)

If elected, I agree to uphold and support our Kensington Primary School values and be an appropriate role model to other students. I will effectively and efficiently complete any tasks required of the role and attend any meetings punctually.

Student to sign: _____

Nomination supported by a staff member:

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Nomination accepted by Ms Jones:

Ms Bronwyn Jones: _____

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child wishes to nominate themselves to run as a leader for the 2025 school year. The leadership roles include head boy, head girl, student councillors and faction captains/vice captains. In order for a nomination to be considered, it is imperative that the school has your written consent, indicating your support for their commitment to the position. The role of the leaders is based around our core values; by modelling appropriate behaviours, upholding, encouraging and supporting other students to follow those values. The student council involves before school compulsory meetings.

Parent/s to sign: _____

Print name: _____