

# Marlborough Primary School

## School Policies Manual

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### **JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL**

#### **Rationale:**

The Junior School Council program stems from the SOSE Program – Civic and Citizenship and aims to promote leadership responsibility, and understanding of the democratic process and a forum for students to express their views on concerns and issues relevant to them. It is also a formal link between School Council and the student body.

#### **Implementation:**

1. A staff member will be appointed to oversee the organisation and operation of the JSC.
2. Junior School Council will be made up of two representatives from each class in the Junior school, and one representative from each of the other grades. Standby representatives will also be selected but will only attend meetings if a representative is absent.
3. Representatives will be selected in February each year.
4. Meetings of representatives will be held monthly during class time in the week before school council where practical.
5. Classes will discuss during class meetings if there are any issues, items or concerns to be tabled at the next JSC meeting. Representatives are to keep minutes of class meetings to facilitate reporting to JSC.
6. Minutes of JSC meetings will be kept and JSC representatives will receive a copy to facilitate reporting back to their classes. A copy will be tabled at School Council meeting for consideration. An opportunity should be given for selected JSC representatives to report to School Council where possible. A reply from School Council will be passed to the JSC on issues of concern.
7. All JSC representatives will receive badges.
8. JSC will assist in the determination of one Social Service activity each term.

#### **Evaluation:**

Evaluation will be a continuous process. It will be made in terms of:

- Processes
- Issues raised
- Outcomes on issues raised.

#### **References:**