

## **Student Leader Elections Guidelines**

### **Nominations**

Students will nominate for student councillor and/or faction captain. If they nominate for both they must identify their preferred position. Nominees must have a good behaviour record and agree to abide by stated expectations if they win election. The nominations must be signed off by staff before they will be accepted. Ballot papers will be reviewed in class to ensure that all nominees' names have been placed on the appropriate ballot papers.

### **Electors**

The Year 4 and 5 students will elect Student Councillors for the following year through secret ballot using preferential voting. The faction captains and vice-captains will be elected by students from Pre-primary to Year 5 within their own factions, i.e. a student can only vote for their own faction captains and vice-captains. There will, therefore, be two ballot papers for the student councillors – one for boys and one for the girls and all students in Years 4 and 5 will vote on both. There will be eight ballot papers for the factions – one boys' ballot and one girls' ballot for each of the four factions. Students (PP-Year 5) will vote for the boys and girls within their own faction – two ballots in total, per voter. 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 process and for the faction leader process. If they have nominated for both, they will prepare and give two speeches. The student councillor speeches will be addressed to the Year 4 and 5 student body. The faction speeches will be presented to the PP-Year 5 students in that faction. No advertising or incentives to vote for a candidate will be allowed, other than the spoken word during the speeches. The elections will immediately follow the speeches.

### **Results**

The Electoral Education Centre, which is part of the WA Electoral Commission, will administer the voting (with ballot boxes and voting booths), count the votes and provide the results to the school (a free and independent service). Two school leaders will independently prepare the announcement of results and these will be compared to ensure accuracy. Any adjudication will be provided by the Electoral Education Centre.

### **Education**

The students in Years 4 and 5 will have lessons on preferential voting so that they understand how the process and count works prior to the vote.

### **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 process not the results. Reasons for concerns must be provided.