



# JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

## Basic Beliefs

The Junior School Council provides a forum for students to become actively involved in school activities. It provides an opportunity for children to become responsible and informed participants of a community. Involvement in the Junior School Council will encourage positive relationships and leadership skills.

## Goals

The Junior School council will:

- Represent the opinions and ideas of the students at Berwick Lodge Primary School.
- Coordinate or have input into social, recreational and fundraising events when required.
- Help promote the skills of teamwork and public speaking. The representatives will be encouraged to develop positive relationships amongst peers, parents and teachers.
- Be required to respect and value the opinions of others.

## Guidelines

- Two staff members will facilitate the Junior School Council.
- Elections for the Junior School council need to be completed by the end of March, after School and House Captains have been appointed.
- Classes from Years 3 to 6 will elect two representatives, from each class for Junior School Council. Representatives will bring issues from their class to the Junior School Council meetings.
- School Captains will form part of the Junior School Council and, with guidance from the staff members, will lead the student meetings.
- Meetings will be held on a regular basis, during recess or lunchtime.
- Representatives will be encouraged to remember what is discussed and report this back to their grades.

- Each representative will be allocated a buddy grade from Prep to Grade 2. The representatives will be required to visit the grades on a regular basis to keep them informed on the Junior School Council events.
- Representatives will report back to his or her grade and buddy grades. Reports will cover issues and information arising in meetings.
- Representatives from the Junior School Council may provide a brief written report regularly for School Council meetings.

### **Responsibility for Implementation**

The Student Wellbeing Leadership Team will be responsible for the implementation and continuous monitoring of the policy and the convening of the Junior School Council.

### **Date Passed by School Council**

The Junior School Council Policy was passed by School Council on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### **Proposed Date of Review**

The Learning Sub Committee will be responsible for coordinating and planning the review of The Junior School Council policy, under the auspices of the School Council. The review period will be three years from the policy being passed by School Council.