

Student Leadership

Scope: This policy applies to St Patrick's College ('the College') Mackay conducted by Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as Catholic Education in the document).

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The ownership and involvement is particularly expressed in the active encouragement of students to exercise their leadership skills and the programs running within the College to develop these skills. The ongoing emphasis in all student leadership is one of service, not only within the College, but also directed to the wider community.

2. DESCRIPTION

St Patrick's is very proud of the calibre and the generosity of its student leaders. As a senior college, student leadership is of major importance to develop the required skills for the 21st century.

All schooling values the development of leadership skills in its students. This is particularly important in a senior college with students so close to employment and adult responsibilities. All students are expected and encouraged to take some form of leadership, however, only some will be appointed to designated leadership positions.

Our Mission Statement concerning partnerships implies that leadership is highly valued in our community. All schools offer leadership opportunities, but a Catholic school endorses a service model of leadership founded on the life and teachings of Jesus as echoed in our College motto 'Seek Christ'. One of the distinguishing features of St Patrick's College and a reason for its success in many fields is the sense of personal involvement and ownership that the students develop in their time at the College.

The College values are: Service; Responsibility; Commitment; Support; Respect; Democracy; Loyalty; Integrity; Compassion; and Trust.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

Designated leadership positions within the College are:

- College captains: 2 male, 2 female
- Committee Chairs: one for each of the Christian Leadership, Community Service, Cultural, Indigenous and Sport Committees
- Student Council members: 12 from Year 12; 6 from Year 11
- College Board Representatives: 2 – 4

Student leaders will be chosen after consultation and voting with the student body and staff. All students who wish to be College Captain must deliver a speech and model and support the core values of the College.

Formation in leadership will be offered to all students.

Avenues will exist for students to make a contribution by direct input into College life.

4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

[Queensland Catholic Education Commission.](#)