

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Leadership is integral to like long learning. All students in their final year of primary school need to be given the opportunity to demonstrate and develop leadership skills. Positive student leadership opportunities and experiences will facilitate the transition to secondary school and the world beyond. Student leadership is driven by service to others and is embedded in our school philosophy.

At The Farmhouse Montessori School, we focus on developing our students' leadership skills through practical leadership experiences. The approach recognises that students can be leaders across many different areas and that leadership skills learnt in early pre-school and primary school can lay the foundations for future leadership success.

Extensive opportunities are created for students to undertake leadership responsibilities within the school and to represent the school in the wider community.

Student leadership is based on –

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Citizenship

## RATIONALE

When students actively participate in school life, and their ideas and opinions are listened to and valued, they feel respected and encouraged to make further contributions. This provides opportunities for:

- Increased communication skills
- Improved academic performance for students involved
- Greater commitment to the School from the wider student body
- Positive influences on the climate of the School
- Strengthened School spirit
- Increased co-operation from students

## AIMS

The Farmhouse Montessori School aims to build the understandings and skills of leadership through providing opportunities within the student community and the many varied activities provided in the school environment.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- Family grouping in the classroom allows the child the ability to move from the youngest to the oldest.
- The elders of the group are recognised by others as ones of experience and knowledge with an opportunity to access their assistance and skills when possible.
- All children however, are recognised for skills they may have that can be shared with others.
- All children will be encouraged through presentations of lessons on how:
  - To help others having difficulty when possible
  - To recognise those who have skills and ask appropriately
  - To show consideration for others.
- All children in each class will be encouraged through presentation of lessons on how:
  - To work with other children in
    - Giving presentations of materials that they know
    - Assisting those having difficulty or are hurt
    - Assisting other children with conflict resolution
  - Take responsibility for their classroom
    - In ensuring the maintenance of materials
    - In the end of the day closing and preparations for the next day

**LEADERSHIP SKILLS OVERVIEW:**

Leadership skills are qualities that a person needs to have to be an effective leader. The main characteristics of a leader are responsibility, confidence, respect, organisation and public speaking.

**Confidence**

One of the most important leadership skills is confidence. A leader must have confidence, so they can speak in public and represent their school in the community

**Organisation**

As a leader, you will need to be ready to take on extra responsibilities. You will be relied upon by others to get jobs done and require high level organisation skills.

**Responsibility**

Being responsible means being accountable for your actions. It involves making decisions and taking action, rather than waiting to be told what to do.

**Respect**

A big part of being a school leader is to respect others. It is important to listen to what your peers and staff have to say. You should utilise what you have learnt in all of teacher led PBL lessons.

**Public Speaking**

Public Speaking is a skill and a quality that every leader should develop strength in. Leaders will be required to speak with confidence, clarity and enthusiasm. You will normally do most of your public speaking at assemblies in front of the whole school and out in the school community.

**SOURCES**

Board of Studies NSW Manual 2013

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