Statement

MacKillop Catholic College aims firstly to develop, and secondly to nurture, Christian leadership in all students so that the students can actively share in determining the directions of their learning and overall development.

Definition

Student Leadership involves:

1. Formal leadership - elected College Captains, Deputy Captains, House Captains, Year 10 Student Leaders, Year 7-9 SRC members and Peer Support Leaders.

2. Informal leadership - leadership in such situations as College liturgies and other College celebrations, the classroom, playground or sports field, excursion and camps and peer support.

3. “Followship” - this is the opportunity for students to learn to be good followers and supporters of student leaders.

Rationale

Leadership has a Christian dimension which recognises the importance of service to others as modelled by Jesus Christ. Collecting information, making decisions and facilitating plans of action are important life skills. To educate the whole person for life in the 21st century, it is essential that every student be given the opportunity to learn leadership and followship skills and put them into practice in safe, encouraging environments.

Guidelines

1. All formal leadership positions should be filled after election by the appropriate groups.

2. All student leaders should be trained and supported in their roles.

3. Role descriptions should be codified and annually reviewed by the office holders.

4. The College curriculum and processes should specifically aim to provide and promote leadership opportunities as defined above.