

## **Student Leadership System**

### **Policy Statement**

Albury Wodonga Community College Independent School recognises the importance of providing a range of leadership opportunities to students. One way that this is achieved is through a formal system of elected student representatives.

AWCC Independent Schools in Albury and Wodonga, while registered under two different state education systems are strongly related and see themselves as 'Two Schools, One Community'. The Albury School offers Stage 5 curriculum to Years 9 and 10 students and the Wodonga School offers Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) to Years 11 and 12 Students. There is a natural progression from enrolment at the Albury School into the Wodonga School at the end of Year 10. School Prefects will be elected across both Schools and will come together at various times to provide the link between both School student cohorts.

### **Procedures**

- The duties of a School Prefect and function of the Prefect body as student representatives is discussed in a School Assembly early in Term 1
- Students are invited to apply to become a Prefect and interested students are provided with an application form outlining in detail the expectations and duties of a prefect
- Each applicant is asked to present their case to a panel of teachers as to why they should be a School Prefect
- The panel will select a shortlist of names for the student body to then elect their year group Prefects in a secret ballot
- Up to 8 students are elected with representation from all year groups (up to 4 from Stage 5 and 4 from VCAL)
- Each School Prefect group will meet every three weeks with a designated staff member. Once every term, the Prefect group from both Schools will meet together, with a designated staff member.

### **Objectives**

The Prefect group will represent the student body and discuss campus matters every three weeks with a designated staff member facilitating each meeting, including:

- Events developing student morale
- Student body concerns
- School improvement opportunities

Combined School Prefect meetings, every term, will cover similar discussions and planning.

The Prefect group will also be required to:

- Lead student assemblies and meet and show dignitaries, parents and new students around our school
- Represent the school during community events, services or memorials.

### **Leadership Training**

- The Prefect group will attend a one day leadership workshop run by the school
- The Prefect group will also have presentations and lectures from members of the local community about leadership throughout the year