



**PROCEDURE:** SRC

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**STATEMENT OF INTENT:**

An SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students to represent all students in the school and who organise ways for students to participate in school life. SRC's work democratically to represent the student body in school decision-making. Students work together, with help from a staff member, to improve school life and to contribute students' ideas.

**APPLICABILITY:**

All students and staff at Northlakes High School

**DoE POLICY/PROCEDURE REFERENCE:**

The Student Welfare Policy (1996) is implemented in all schools and explicitly encourages student leadership. It covers three areas:

1. Effective learning and teaching
2. Positive climate and good discipline
3. Community participation

**DEFINITIONS:**

- An SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students
- SRC members represent all students in the school and organise ways for students to participate and contribute to their school community

**RATIONALE:**

This Policy is intended to:

- Improve school spirit and provide a student voice
- Involvement in school committee decisions
- Facilitate workshops on topics of interest to students
- Assist schools to implement relevant departmental policies
- Participate in decision-making about school organisation including subjects, canteen organisation, community involvement, school management
- Identify problems which need attention e.g. student safety in certain playground areas
- Develop negotiation and problem-solving skills in students
- Review and evaluate school rules
- Raise awareness of school priorities to enhance student wellbeing
- Specific programs including peer support, peer mediation, drug education, anti-discrimination, anti-bullying, civics and citizenship
- Forums to discuss issues concerning young people

- Care for and improve the physical and social environment of the school
- Organise fun activities for students, including discos, concerts, camps, sporting and fun competitions
- Collaborate with teachers and others in running school events, including Year 7 and Year 11 orientations
- Support students with special needs
- Co-ordinate school assemblies
- Meet genuine needs, that is, having a focus on 'real things'

## **PROCEDURES:**

- SRC members have a clear process about how to gather student views so that all students can have a say
- Elections for SRC membership are considered seriously and conducted fairly
- Students are encouraged to advocate for all the students in the school so that many different voices are heard
- Students are involved in negotiation of school issues e.g. discipline, curriculum, timetabling, assessment procedures
- Students are consulted about and help develop school plans and priorities
- Students have an impact or consequence that extends beyond the classroom
- The SRC reports to staff and the principal and reports back to students
- The SRC encourages community involvement
- Students activities provide opportunities for planning, action and reflection