

Leadership Opportunities

Student Leadership Programmes Years 5 to 8



Moving from primary to secondary school can be a challenging time for students. They move to a more complex learning environment with a different structure. At the same time, they are affected by the significant changes of adolescence. Primary and secondary schools often work to ease this transition by identifying, and developing the skills, knowledge, and understandings needed to succeed at high school. In Years 5, 6, 7 and 8, we call on our Senior children to adopt leadership roles, and additional responsibilities. These include:

- Running the school assemblies
- Organising and leading daily fitness
- House Leaders
- Enviro Leaders
- Planning and leading whole school activities – discos, fundraisers, etc
- Attending Rural Schools' Leadership days
- Organising the end of year assembly
- Participating in the Young Leaders Conference in alternate years.
- Being active role models within the classroom and in all school-based activities.
- For Year 7 & 8 participation in the William Pike Challenge in alternate years is also a possibility.

Year 7 & 8

In 2019 we do not have a cohort of “intermediate” aged students. However, we have had many of these students in the past and offer them many great opportunities both for leadership and learning.

Due to our small school roll, we can offer great pupil-teacher ratios, giving students opportunities to follow their interests and passions, and provide challenges academically, personally and physically. We are continually looking for opportunities to give students the challenge they need and have implemented programmes, such as Chapter Chat and the Virtual Learning Network.

Leadership roles are as listed above and are offered to Year 7 & 8 students exclusively, when there are students of this age. House leaders, the leadership day and going to the National Young Leaders day would be available to these students only.

In the past we have offered the William Pike Challenge, Year 7 & 8 camps, and joined with other rural schools to do other activities, such languages, young farmers’ days and science in a lab days.

Year 7 & 8 students attend Cambridge Middle School one afternoon each week to do Tech Arts, cooking, sewing, robotics and art.

The school has been looking at further opportunities we could offer our older students from the skills within our community, such as woodwork. We believe we can offer relevant and challenging opportunities catering for the interests and passions of our senior students.

Within sport, we endeavour to ensure our students who want to be in a team sport are able to do this, either in a HHS school team or by combining with other schools though this relies on parents’ willingness to get them there.

In productions, the main parts usually go to the older students as does the opportunity to represent the school at speech competitions, etc.

All these things may not be offered at one time, as it depends on the students we have and the opportunities we can offer at the time.... but these are some of what we have offered in the past.

With a bigger cohort of Year 7 & 8 students, greater planning for the opportunities we could offer would need to be done.

It is our belief that our students have the best opportunity to take on responsibility, develop their leadership skills, and continue to pursue academic progress at their level in our school.