

# Student Council



# The First Student Council



In January 2013 we established the very first Student Council in St. Patrick's.

Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th class represent all the boys and girls in the school, with elections held every year.



WHO is  
the  
student  
council?

The Student Council is made up of 18 pupils from 4th to 6th class, with a chairperson, treasurer and secretary.

Each council member represents both their own class and a younger class.

# WHAT does a Student Council do?

As a Student Council we:

listen to what students in our school have to say

discuss their ideas and suggestions at our meetings

tell everybody what we are doing

work with teachers, Deputy Principal, Principal and parents to make St. Patrick's a better place for everybody.

# A voice for students!



Student Council members talk with their classes regularly and a suggestion box in each classroom allows pupils to communicate with them in between.

Any ideas placed in the box are brought to a council meeting. The Student Council generally meets every fortnight with a member of staff present.

The Student Council notice board keeps everyone in the school updated on what goes on.



# Student Council Events

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In the past Student Council members have organised:

- Christmas Colours Days
- Fun Days
- Dignity Packs
- Art Murals

And much, much more!!!!

What  
Qualities  
Should a  
Student  
Council  
Member  
Have?





# Organised

- A Student Council member needs to be organised as they may be required to meet deadlines and record information at meetings.
- If chosen as Secretary or Chairperson of the student council you will be expected to keep notes of meetings and follow agendas.





# Communication Skills

- A Student Council member needs to have good communication skills as they will need to relay information to their classes and also put forward ideas at meetings.



# Leadership

- A Student Council member is a representative of the school and will be expected to lead by example to other students in the school.
- If chosen as Chairperson, you will be expected to lead student council meetings.



Inclusive

It is an honour to be a member of the Student Council. If elected, you are representing all children in the school and, therefore, we need pupils who are kind and inclusive.



# Creative

- As a Student Council member, you will be given opportunities to come up with new and exciting ideas and activities for the school- a council needs people who are creative and able to think outside the box.



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Can you think of  
any other  
qualities?



## How to Become a Member

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If you think you possess the qualities of a student council member and would like to become a member, then you need to put yourself forward for nomination.



## STEP 1: Fill out a Nomination Form.

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## Step 2: Election Speech

You will need to write an election speech which you will read out to your class. In this speech you will be telling your class why you think you would make a good student council representative and what you would like to do if elected.



## Step 3: Campaign

As with local and national elections, you will need to make posters or badges encouraging fellow students to vote for you. These can be displayed along the school corridors with the permission of your teacher.



## Step 4: Election Day

If you meet all the necessary criteria and have your nomination form completed and submitted, your name will be placed on the ballot paper.

Your class will vote for the nominees within their class on the election day.

The 2 nominees with the most votes will be elected as Student Council Members.



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Your Council  
Needs You!