



Camperdown College

School for Student Leadership Policy –

Rationale:

School for Student Leadership is a Victorian Department of Education and Training initiative offering a unique residential education experience for **year nine** students. The curriculum focuses on personal development and team learning projects sourced from students' home regions. There are three campuses in iconic locations across Victoria. The **Alpine School Campus** is located at Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps. **Snowy River Campus** is near the mouth of the Snowy River at Marlo in east Gippsland. The third site is adjacent to Mount Noorat near Camperdown in Victoria's Western District, and is called **Gnurad-Gundidj**. Camperdown College has committed to the following processes to ensure consistency with regards to the selection and participation of students in the School for Student Leadership.

Aim:

To encourage and support student participation in the DEECD Year 9 School for Student Leadership program.

Implementation:

- Camperdown College will submit an application annually for a team of three boys and three girls to attend the DEECD Year 9 School for Student Leadership, at either the Alpine School or Snowy River Campus.
- Upon confirmation (usually in August) that the school has been allocated a place for the following year, Year 8 students will be invited to express interest in this opportunity and a selection process with published criteria will be used to select the team of participating students. Criteria will include: demonstrated leadership potential; demonstrated track record of (or significant improvement towards) regular school attendance, application to studies and behaviour consistent with the school values; demonstrated willingness and capacity to work in a team to plan and implement a Community Learning Project.
- Class teachers will have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the suitability of students to attend the SSL.
- The cost of participation is \$1050 and the school will contribute \$250 of this amount for each participating student. The balance of the amount must be paid in full by each participating student two weeks before the end of the term prior SSL. Payment plans can be arranged.
- Due to the school's investment in this significant leadership and personal development experience, the College will expect that all students expressing interest in this opportunity have the intention of completing their education at Camperdown College.
- A Year 9 Program Camperdown College teacher will be appointed as the liaison teacher (point of contact for all communication between the school and SSL) and the Year 9 program teachers will have the responsibility of supporting students in the planning and implementation of their Community Learning Project.
- The end of semester school report for participating students will contain information provided by SSL relating to the student's participation and achievements.
- This policy will be communicated to students through the Senior Campus Handbook as part of Year 7 transition and the selection criteria will be actively promoted to students.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in March 2017