



Holy Family Community School
Education is Opportunity
Student Council Constitution

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Role Of the Student Council:

The role of The Student Council is to provide students with an opportunity to have an input in the consultative/partnership body of the school. The school acts as a voice between students, teachers, and The Board of Management.

Structure Of the Student Council:

The Council will consist of the following number of elected representatives from each year group:

Year	Number of Members
First Year	3
Second Year	3
Third Year	3
Fourth Year*	3
Fifth Year (including LCA1)*	3
Sixth Year (including LCA2)*	3

*Excluding chairperson

Role of The Liaison Teacher:

The Liaison teacher is not a member and does not have the right to vote. The Liaison Teacher is there to support the council, facilitate meetings and offer advice and guidance.

Nominations And Elections:

Elections will be held annually in the final school term. Three elected personnel from the current council will be selected as post holders and voted upon by the standing council. They in turn will run the incoming election. Every student will be given a chance to apply, and then the relevant year group will vote for their desired representatives. Elections for incoming first years will take place in September.

Term Of Office:

Each member will serve for one school year. It may be decided to retain a small number of members in the interests of continuity.

Student Council Officers:

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson

Secretary

Meetings And Decision Making:

Meetings will be held fortnightly at lunchtime. The liaison teacher must be present at meeting, or the meeting must be cancelled. Minutes must be taken at every meeting by the secretary and stored permanently.

Removing Student Council Members:

The Student Council has the rights to remove any member on the council if:

- They have 3 consecutive unexplained absences
- Regular non-involvement of student council activities
- Breach of code of conduct

Dissolution Of the Student Council:

Only the school principal has the authority to dissolve the Council under exceptional circumstances.

Changes To the Constitution:

The constitution needs to be reviewed yearly with the new student council. It must then be brought to the Principal and ratified with the Board of Management.

Any proposed changes to the constitution must be passed by majority vote.

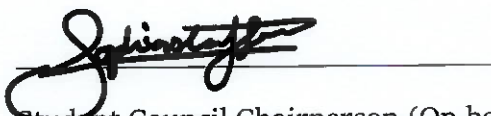
Signed,



Principal (On behalf of The Board of Management)



Student Council Liaison Teacher



Student Council Chairperson (On behalf of The Student Council)