



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

MOOROOLBARK LEADERSHIP

At Mooroolbark College, we foster a culture that encourages young people to discover their leadership potential and develop the skills to become the change they want to be. Formal and informal leadership opportunities are offered to students across Year 7 - 12.

The College promotes leadership in many areas, including community service, peer mentoring, sport and performing arts. Student leadership is encouraged in order to promote student voice and enable student participation in the College decision-making processes.

Leadership within the Home Group system plays a major role for students across all year levels. Our buddy program allows students to take on leadership roles in each group, mentoring and supporting younger students. Our College structure means a wide variety of leadership portfolios exist across all year levels. Student leaders are inducted, trained and continuously supported by Leading teachers and the Principal.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Each year two Year 12 students are appointed as School Captains. This highly esteemed position encompasses roles including:

- Organising and managing whole school assemblies
- Representing the College at events including the Mooroolbark Community Festival



Senior Leadership Team

- Attending ANZAC day ceremonies
- Providing student insights into points of discussion
- Assisting in the planning of the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner and Awards Night.

SENIOR & MIDDLE SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS

House Captain positions are available for Year 9 and 12 students to demonstrate their leadership capabilities. The sixteen House Captains take on leadership roles including:

- Assisting with house programs
- Managing house events
- Assisting with House Assemblies
- Presenting at General Assemblies
- Participation and support at sporting events
- Sports Leadership at school sporting events and carnivals.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The ten members of the SRC develop their leadership skills throughout the year by undertaking such activities as:

- Running assemblies and special events
- Organising free dress days and handing out birthday stickers
- Supporting environmental and recycling projects
- Collecting donations from the school community for St Vincent de Paul Church
- Preparing and writing newsletter items and posters.



YEAR 7 AMBASSADORS

Leadership opportunities begin early at Mooroolbark College. Students can join the SRC, or become an Ambassador. The two types of Ambassadors are:

Community Ambassadors:

- Undertaking school tours with the College Principal
- Meeting and greeting special guests
- Attending appropriate information/open nights
- Hosting the Grade 5 All-Rounder day
- Volunteering to attend local community events

Friendship Ambassadors:

- Visiting their primary schools during transition visits
- Working with their primary school to assist Grade 6 students when attending transition visits.

ARTS CAPTAINS/ MADDD SQUAD

A further two students are selected as Arts Captains and throughout the year their role involves:

- Attending MADDD meetings
- Organising performances at assemblies
- Assisting with the many and varied aspects of Mooroolbark College's contribution to the Arts and Performing Arts activities.

LEADERSHIP IN THE CURRICULUM

Peer Support

Year 10 students are given the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by assisting the Year 7 students with their transition from Primary School to High School. The program runs during first semester with the Year 10 students delivering sessions covering many different topics to help the Year 7s feel settled at Mooroolbark College.

The Year 10 students get to know each of their Year 7 students, evaluate and reflect each lesson and work on their behaviour management strategies. This develops their skills as a leader within the College. It is a wonderful program to enhance leadership skills at the Year 10 level as well as supporting the Year 7 students with their transition to Mooroolbark College.

Sports Leadership

Building leadership in to the curriculum presents another opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills through areas including:

1. Communication and project management
2. Recognised Training
3. Volunteering Work

Students will become qualified in; Bronze Medallion, Level 1 First Aid and AFL Umpiring.

Students will produce and evaluate lessons plans and deliver a variety of sports programmes to local primary schools. Students are also involved in officiating a range of sporting events.

Duke of Edinburgh

- The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a Youth Leadership/Development program.
- To earn an Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment, (our 2 major Camps). The key elements of the program are: 3 components completed outside of school – Physical Recreation, Skill and Service. Each is completed 1 hour per week for 3 – 6 months.
- Through this challenging journey, our participants are equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best, learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices, learn to persevere and overcome barriers to success, learn important life skills; and increase their career opportunities.
- Students participate in many other challenging leadership and teamwork activities and excursions including a Bike Ed Unit and also achieve Level 1 First Aid.



*Arts
Captain*

FORMAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

A wide variety of leadership portfolios exist including:

- School Captains
- Senior School House Captains
- Middle School House Captains
- Student Representative Council
- Year 7 Ambassadors
- Friendship Ambassadors
- Arts Captains/MADDD Squad
- Production Crew
- Peer Support
- Sports Leadership
- Duke of Edinburgh



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