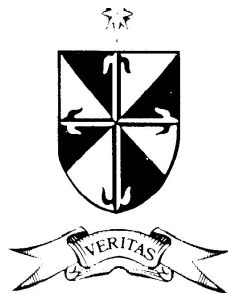


Dominican College **Sion Hill**



Student Council **Constitution**

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Section 1 Definition

The Student Council is a group of students elected democratically. It represents all students' opinions, ideas, views and proposals for the betterment of the School for everyone.

Section 2 Aims and Objectives

1. The Student Council should listen and represent the views of all the students in the school. It should be primarily a discussion forum which promotes new ideas and innovative thinking.
2. The student Council should also have a consultative role on issues affecting the day to day life of the students prior to the implementation of new policies. This would ensure the maintenance of the good student-teacher relationship and teach the value of compromise.
3. The student Council should promote a positive inclusive atmosphere while fostering a sense of student ownership of the School.
4. The Student Council should promote and be involved in organising an Anti-Bullying week and an Anti-Racism week.
5. The Student Council should have a role in improving facilities and amenities.

Section 3 Selection Process

The Student Council is elected democratically using the Proportional Representation System. The Head-Girl and Deputy-Head Girl are automatically on the Student Council and are Chair and Deputy Chair respectively.

There will be 1 representative per class.

Students nominate themselves to go forward for selection.

If a student is absent, she can ring the school to have her name included in the ballot paper.

Every student in the school is entitled to vote.

If a student is absent on the day of the election she has a right to ask to vote and do so within 2 days of the official election.

Section 4 Election

The elections must take place within the first 3 weeks of school.

The date must be set in advance (1 week's notice) and all elections must take place on the same day.

The counting of votes will take place as closely as possible to the election-day.

Votes will be counted by the Head-Girl, Deputy Head-Girl and Prefects under the supervision of the Student Council Liaison Teacher (if there is a tie, another election will be held).

The votes of the 6th Year classes will be counted by the Head-Girl, Deputy Head-Girl and S.C.L. Teacher.

The names of the candidates who came second will be kept by the S.C.L. Teacher. Classes will also be informed of the runners-up.

Section 5 Commitment of Successful Candidates

Every member must sign a set contract at the beginning of each year.

Every student must sign the contract or give up her place on the Council. Her place will be given to the runner-up of her particular class.

If a member does not adhere to the agreements made in the contract or breaks any of these agreements she will be subjected to Council discipline which will consist of the following:

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| 1 st Transgression | Verbal warning from S.C.L. Teacher, accompanied by Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. |
| 2 nd Transgression: | Written warning signed by S.C.L Teacher, Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl |
| 3 rd Transgression: | Vote by members on the expulsion of the particular representative |

Class to be informed and runner-up co-opted to the Council.

The successful candidate must represent her class, bringing ideas to the Council and reporting back to her class via the Tutor class.

Section 6

Calendar

Dates to be set at first official meeting.

Council meets twice a month.

Some after school meetings may occur and all members should attend the special Board of Management meeting with the Student Council.

If a member of the Council cannot attend a meeting, apologies must be given to either the Secretary or Chairperson prior to the meeting.

The Secretary is elected at the first meeting.

Section 7

Role of Chairperson

Call meetings

Chair the meetings

Draw up an agenda

Circulate agenda to all students

Section 8

Role of Secretary

Take minutes of the meeting

Ensure minutes are passed at the next meeting (minutes will include proposals and decisions).

Take attendance

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