



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

"Connecting futures"
(Deception Bay State School Vision)

Application pack, roles and responsibilities

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams – US President



Student Leadership is a fundamental key to the ongoing and continued success of Deception Bay State School. Students design and drive improvement agendas across and beyond our school. Our student leadership group have formed and defined the student leader responsibilities and believe that leadership is not found in a badge but in our every effort to assist students to progress and succeed.

Our student leadership team is comprised of the following positions:

School Captains (including Vice Captains) x 4; Sports House Captains x 6; Cultural Captain x 1

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students complete the nomination form included in this pack and submit it by the due date detailed on the timeline page. Students who wish to apply for the position of School Captain are then invited to deliver a speech to the P-6 student community at an assembly. All students will then vote and the top 4 students will be offered a position as one of our School Captains for the following year.

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

Term 4 Week 7	Application forms due to the office by Friday Term 4 week 5
Week 8	Shortlisted applicants notified and applicants for Captain prepare speeches
Week 9	Shortlisted Captain applicants present speech to whole of school. Students vote in class ballots.
Week 10	Awards assembly – Current School Captains give departing speech and new captains are announced
Term 1 Week 4	Induction assembly (Yrs 4-6) with all parents of leadership group invited to attend. This assembly includes the presentation of badges. Student leaders also presented on this assembly.

APPLICANT CRITERIA:

Each student leadership role is crucial to the success of our school. Students who apply to be part of the leadership team must fully understand the responsibility of each role detailed below. Applicants must also have demonstrated above satisfactory behaviour and effort grades across multiple subject areas (minimum 4) and multiple years (minimum 2 consecutive) with no One School behaviour entries to be considered. Applicants also agree to attend all student leadership meetings, events and wear their full school uniform with pride. All applicants are to ensure that they are prepared to lead by example at all times, in all things and in all places.

POSITION	RESPONSIBILITIES
School Captains (and Vice)	Lead School assemblies and events including Anzac Day Ceremony (planning, organising, review and delivery) Participate in Leadership Cluster Meetings Lead Student Council Meetings and committees to review and improve school operations and initiatives Represent Deception Bay State School at functions both within and outside the school Assist the Principal/Deputy and representatives with a variety of tasks both during and after school time Welcome visitors to the school and represent the school with pride
Cultural Captain	Coordinate the Acknowledgement of Country at all events Lead the delivery of NAIDOC week and other key events Represent the school at events and ceremonies Lead the cultural room
House Captains	Lead Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming carnivals including war cry practise before and during carnivals Lead house reward days and events Deliver sporting messages on assemblies

STUDENT LEADER APPLICATION FORM

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Appendix A

Tips for Delivering a School Captain Application Speech

Writing the Speech

- **Start with a Hook** – Begin with something that grabs attention; a short story, a funny line, a question or a big idea.
- **Introduce Yourself Confidently** – Name, year level, maybe a fun fact or something people will remember about you.
- **Share Why You Want the Role** – Explain why you want to be school captain. Link it to helping others, making school better, or being a role model.
- **Highlight Your Strengths** – Give a few examples of how you've shown leadership, kindness, teamwork, or responsibility. Keep it real, not bragging, but showing how you can already do the job.
- **Talk About Your Vision** – Suggest one or two ideas to make school better (e.g., fun events, helping new students, making the playground safer).
- **End Strong** – Finish with a confident, memorable closing line (e.g., "I would be proud to serve as your school captain and help make our school the best it can be!").

Delivering the Speech

- **Practice Out Loud** — The more you practice, the more confident you'll sound. Practise in front of family, friends, even a mirror.
- **Speak Slowly and Clearly** — Nerves make people rush. Take a breath, pause between ideas.
- **Make Eye Contact**, look around the room not just at your notes.
- **Use Confident Body Language** — Stand tall, shoulders back, feet steady (no rocking or fidgeting).
- **Smile!** — It shows you're friendly, approachable, and happy to be there.
- **Breathe if You're Nervous** — Before starting take a deep breath. Remind yourself: everyone wants you to do well.
- **Keep It Short and Interesting** — Around 1–2 minutes is perfect. It is long enough to share your message, short enough to keep everyone's attention.

Pro tip: Write the speech in your own words — it should sound like you, not like a grown-up. People vote for someone they feel they know and can trust.