DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS

The Student Executive positions outlined below present opportunities for Year Twelve students at Cerdon College to demonstrate, and further develop, their skills of leadership and effective communication within the College environment. While doing so, they put in practice the Marist values of humility, self-denial, closeness with God and love and concern for others on which the College is founded.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN:

The School Captain at Cerdon College is a role model for other students at the College. She provides strong leadership through effective communication and management skills. Her specific duties include:

• Working as an intermediary between the students of the College and the School Principal, with whom she has a direct link;

• Speaking at formal occasions such as whole-school assemblies, remembrance ceremonies, and Year 12 School and Graduation Masses;

• Liaising with the Year 12 Guidance Co-ordinator;

• Overseeing Year 12 activities;

• Managing Year 12 Assemblies; and

• Attending Leadership Seminars and Forums on behalf of the College.

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS:

1. Academic:

The Vice-Captain – Academic is responsible for liaising between the Assistant Principal (Teaching and Learning), the Staff Executive and the Co-ordinators and students of the College in relation to matters that promote quality learning. Her specific duties include:

• Promoting and fostering discussion about quality learning in the College;

• Encouraging student evaluation of learning experiences through surveys and formal and informal discussion;

• Advocating and evaluating effective learning spaces (classrooms and specialist rooms);

• Promoting academic competitions with the staff co-ordinator for the Gifted and Talented Programme and relevant subject co-ordinators;

• Promoting events such as inter- and intra-school debating, public speaking, Marist Oratory; and

• Investigating opportunities for learning, such as Science Club.

2. Social Justice and Community Service:

The Vice-Captain – Social Justice and Community Service is responsible for the promotion and support of social justice and community-based activities undertaken by the College. She has a strong sense of social justice and an enthusiasm for selfless service. Her specific duties include:
• Overseeing or being directly involved in activities such as the Marist Social Justice Group, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, the Vampire Shield, the Forty-Hour Famine fundraiser, the Knitting Group, and the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies;

• Representing the College for International Women’s Day at Holroyd Council;

• Leading and supporting the junior school Mission Promoters;

• Encouraging involvement in social justice initiatives and community groups in the College; and

• Modelling and promoting high standards of social justice and community involvement.

The Vice Captain – Social Justice and Community Service also oversees the Social Justice Committee and Mission Promoters in conjunction with the Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care and Administration) and the staff Social Justice Coordinator.

3. Sport:

The Vice-Captain – Sport is an advocate for the benefits of physical activity in and outside of the College. By her example of active participation, she has the opportunity to effect change by:

• Showing the importance of physical activity;

• Promoting sporting events, carnivals and sporting achievements at school assemblies;

• Liaising with House Mentors, House Captains and Vice-Captains to develop and promote sport within the school; and

• Organising formal and informal sports activities based around the school houses, years, and staff-student activities.

4. Creative and Performing Arts:

The Vice-Captain – Creative and Performing Arts is responsible for promoting the importance of Art, Music and Drama activities within the College. She will need to be a student of at least one of the Creative and Performing Arts subjects. Her effectiveness is demonstrated by:

• Liaising enthusiastically with the staff co-ordinators for Art, Drama and Music;

• Promoting activities within the Arts community of Cerdon College, such as The Archibald Art Competition, the Art Show & Exhibitions, Cabaret, the Year 11 Drama Production, the Year 12 HSC Drama & Music Showcases, the College Choir & Instrumental Group; and

• Acting as a liaison between staff and students of the Creative and Performing Arts.

What do I have to do now?

Download the Nomination Form for a College Leadership Position.

The Nomination Form will need someone else to sign, as your seconder. When completed, give the form to your Guidance Coordinator.