

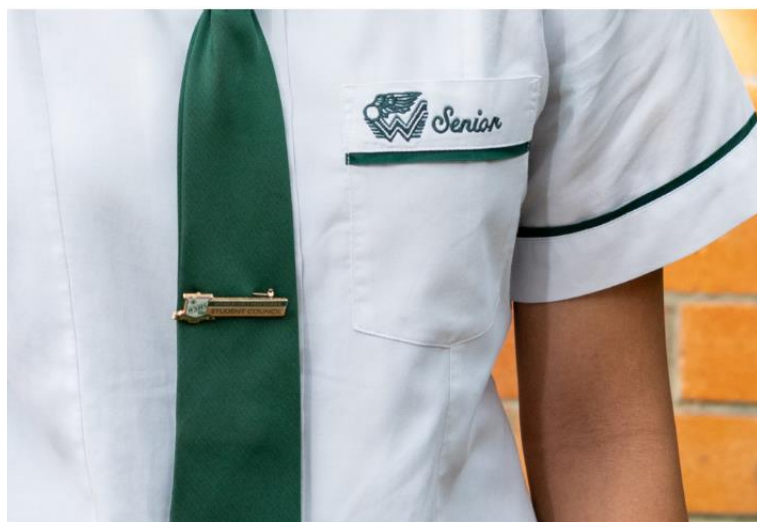
2027

Student Leadership Application Pack



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We're Wynnum, We're PROUD



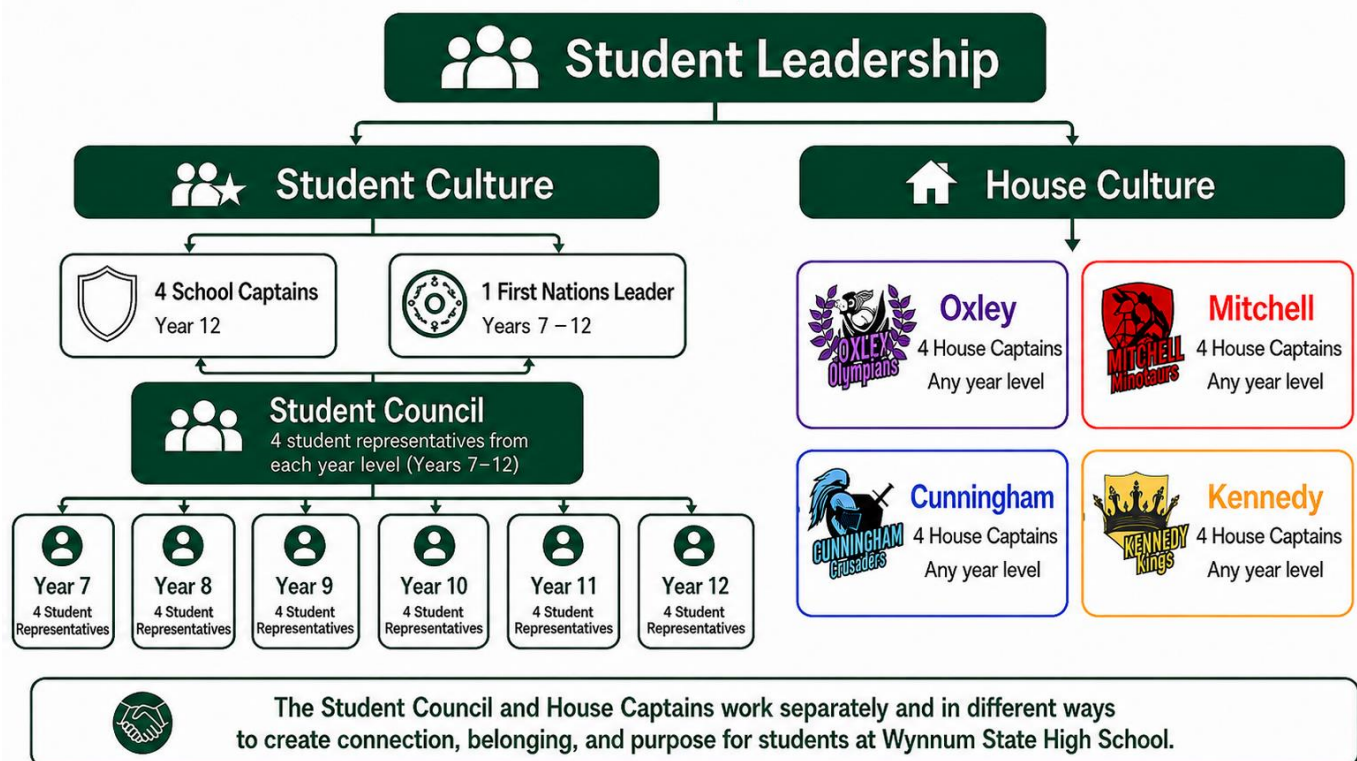
Student Leadership at Wynnum SHS

At Wynnum State High School, student leadership is about stepping up, being heard, and making a real difference.

Our student leadership team is formed by Student Council and House Leadership Team, who work together to lead events, represent student voice, build school culture, and help shape a community we can all be PROUD of.

Our student leaders work as a team to build community, celebrate diversity, and lead positive change across the school.

Wynnum State High School Student Leadership Structure 2027



Expectations of student leaders

At Wynnum SHS we believe that student leaders are more than just badge holders, they are **role models** who show what it means to live our school values every day.

As a leader, our school community expects you to:

- Be **Positive** in your attitude and actions
- Show **Respect** to staff, students, and our school
- Stay **On Task** and give your best effort in class
- Stay **Unified** by including others and building school culture
- Be **Determined** when things get tough

Student leaders lead by example in class, in the playground, online, and at school events. They help set the tone for our school and show others what it means to be PROUD.

In addition to modelling the PROUD mantra of Wynnum SHS, expectations of **all student leaders** include:

- Attending all scheduled student leadership meetings relevant to their role (these may be before or after school and will be confirmed at the first meeting of the 2027 Student Council in Term 4, 2026)
- Attending meetings with school staff as required to represent student voice and promote school culture
- Leading the delivery and presenting at school, House or year level assemblies based on leadership role
- Building culture through facilitating, attending and participating in school and House events
- Representing Wynnum SHS at community, sporting and cultural events as required (e.g. community ANZAC Day parade)
- Facilitating communication with the school community around student-led events (e.g. reports for the school magazine, newsletters, and social media)

School Captains are additionally responsible for:

- Leadership of one of the 4 pillars of the Student Council: Student Voice, Fundraising, Social Justice, and School Environment
- Helping the student leadership team stay connected and work together as a united group
- Helping the Student Council stay on track with their goals and leadership responsibilities
- Checking in with other leaders and offering advice, encouragement, or feedback when needed
- Regularly communicating with the school community, the actions being undertaken by the student leadership group

House Captains are additionally responsible for:

- Developing and delivering a year-long engaging program of House events to build House culture
- Leading their House in defined House Cup events (e.g. House Choir, STEAM Cup, The Great Wynnum Decathlon etc.)
- Promoting House participation in school carnivals (e.g. Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country carnivals)
- Communicating progress in House Cup achievement on a regular basis, including in the school newsletter, whole school assemblies and social media

The **First Nations Leader** is additionally responsible for:

- Leadership of the First Nations Alliance
 - Being a representative of First Nations students and culture in the Student Council
 - Supporting and promoting cultural events and initiatives, such as NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week, and other days of significance
 - Helping build awareness and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the school
 - Working with staff, community and other leaders to strengthen connections and support for First Nations students
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Student Council

Student Council Pillars

Our Student Council is divided into 4 key pillars as below, each led by one of our 4 school captains.

Each pillar focuses on a different part of school life – so we can make a bigger difference together.

All pillars work together to support each other, with the development of pillars allowing each student leader to play a dedicated role in enhancing our school community and developing student voice.

Student Council Pillars	Key roles
Student Voice	This team gathers ideas, feedback, and suggestions from across the school and shares them with staff to help shape decisions that affect us all. This includes running student forums, collecting feedback from students, and working closely with school leaders to represent student ideas. Considerations for this pillar: • How can we gather honest feedback from a wide range of students? • How do we make sure quiet voices are also heard, so every student feels like their voice matters? • How will we communicate to students about the outcome of their feedback?
Fundraising	This team oversees planning, coordination and financial management of fundraising events that support causes we care about and help build a strong school community. This includes major events like Valentine's Day and Harmony Day, as well as spontaneous opportunities like red food days or appeals for local or global issues. Considerations for this pillar: • What events or causes will get students involved and excited? • How can we make sure fundraising is fun, inclusive, and purposeful? • What upcoming calendar events (like Valentine's Day or Harmony Week) could be used for fundraising—and how do we get organised early?
Social Justice	This team helps make sure all students feel included, supported, and respected. We run events like Harmony Day, support groups like the PRIDE Alliance and First Nations Alliance, and help create safe spaces where everyone belongs. We promote kindness, fairness, and understanding, making sure our school celebrates diversity and values every student. Considerations for this pillar: • How can we help create safe, inclusive spaces and groups for students? • How can we spread kindness and build a culture of respect?
School Environment	This team helps improve the look and feel of our school. We want students to feel proud of our school and connected to the spaces we use every day. We work with school staff and the other pillars to make sure everyone feels a sense of ownership. Considerations for this pillar: • How can we encourage students to respect and take pride in our school environment? • How can we work with school staff and other pillars to make our ideas happen?

Student Council Executive

The Student Council Executive consists of 4 key roles: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Manager. Representatives will be elected to these roles in the first Student Council meeting.

Chair:

- Chairs Student Council meetings
- Prepares meeting agendas in collaboration with other executive members and staff advisors
- Ensures that all voices are heard at Student Council meetings through encouraging participation
- Promotes a positive culture at Student Council meetings
- Ensures Student Council goals align with school values and expectations

Secretary:

- Acts on behalf of the Chair in their absence from Student Council meetings
- Manages the student council calendar and helps schedule meetings and events
- Takes accurate minutes during student council meetings
- Helps prepare agendas in collaboration with other executive members and staff advisors
- Keeps an organised record of council activities, decisions, and correspondence
- Stays organised and ensures all documents are up to date and accessible

Treasurer:

- Manages the Student Council budget and keeps accurate financial records
- Tracks all income and expenses related to student council activities, including keeping accurate records of funds raised
- Prepares financial reports and updates the council on the current budget
- Assists with pricing, budgeting, and cost planning for events
- Works closely with the staff advisor on financial decisions

Communications Manager:

- Promotes student council events, initiatives, and announcements to the school community
 - Helps promote events through posters, newsletters, and social media
 - Works closely with the Secretary and Chair to share timely updates on student council events and initiatives to the school community
 - Writes and arranges delivery of speeches or announcements at assemblies or events
 - Encourages student involvement through engaging and inclusive messaging
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2027 School Captain Application Information

(Open to 2027 Year 12 students)

Applications for School Captain involve the following steps:

Step	Information	Weighting
Written application	Your written application should address the selection criteria relevant to the role as indicated below. Submit your written application with the 2027 Student Leadership Application Cover sheet by the required due date.	15%
Interview with selection panel	The selection panel will consist of the Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Department Student Services responsible for the Student Council.	50%
Speech to student body	Applicants who are shortlisted after their interview will progress to a speech to the student body at a whole school assembly. All applicants will be offered support by the Head of Department Student Services – Middle Schooling in the preparation and delivery of their speech.	10%
Student vote	Students will have the opportunity to vote following the speeches to ensure student voice is part of choosing our school leaders.	25%
Staff vote	The staff vote helps ensure a balanced view of each applicant's leadership potential, character, and demonstration of our PROUD values.	

Timeline

Term	Week	Day	Process/Event
T3	3	Tue 28 July	Student leadership process explained in at Whole School Assembly.
	4	Thurs 6 Aug	Application information emailed to all students and families.
	5	Fri 14 Aug	Printed applications due to Student Services by 9am.
	6	Mon – Fri	Applications shortlisted by panel.
	7	Mon 24 Aug	Shortlisted applications notified of progression to interview.
	8	Tues – Thurs	Interviews for shortlisted applicants.
		Fri 4 Sept	Successful applicants notified of progression to speeches.
	9	Mon 7 Sept	Applicants to submit speeches to Student Services Head of Department for review.
		Tues 8 Sept	Senior Student Leadership Speeches at whole school assembly. Students vote in period 3B or in PROUD Start on Wednesday.
T4	3	Awards Night	School Captain positions announced.

Written application

In your written application, of 500 words or less, respond to the following selection criteria.

1. Why do you want to serve as a School Captain, and what values and experiences have shaped your understanding of leadership?
2. How have you demonstrated the qualities required of a School Captain through your actions and relationships with others?
3. What would you aim to achieve as a School Captain, and how would you work with others to turn your vision into action? You could mention the Student Council pillar you would like to lead, positive changes or improvements you would like to see and how you would contribute to making this happen, or an initiative you would like to work towards delivering.

2027 First Nations Leader Application Information

(Open to students who are part of the First Nations Alliance)

Applications for School Captain involve the following steps:

Step	Information	Weighting
Written application	Your written application should address the selection criteria relevant to the role as indicated below. Submit your written application with the 2027 Student Leadership Application Cover sheet by the required due date.	15%
Interview with selection panel	The selection panel will consist of the Principal, First Nations Alliance School Staff Member, Community Education Counsellor	50%
Speech to First Nations Alliance	Applicants who are shortlisted after their interview will progress to a speech to the First Nations Alliance	10%
Student vote	First Nations Students will have the opportunity to vote following the speeches to ensure student voice is part of choosing our school leaders.	25%

Timeline

Term	Week	Day	Process/Event
T3	3	Tue 28 July	Student leadership process explained in at Whole School Assembly.
	4	Thurs 6 Aug	Application information emailed to all students and families.
	5	Fri 14 Aug	Printed applications due to Student Services by 9am.
	6	Mon – Fri	Applications shortlisted by panel.
	7	Mon 24 Aug	Shortlisted applications notified of progression to interview.
	9	Mon – Thurs	Interviews for shortlisted applicants.
		Fri 11 Sept	Successful applicants notified of progression to speeches.
	10	Tues 15 Sept	First Nations Leader speeches during First Nations Alliance meeting. First Nations Alliance students to vote during this meeting.
T4	3	Awards Night	First Nations Leader position announced.

Written application

In your written application, of 500 words or less, respond to the following selection criteria.

1. Why do you want to serve as the First Nations Leader, and what values and experiences have shaped your understanding of leadership?
2. How have you demonstrated the qualities required of the First Nations Leader through your actions and relationships with others?
3. What would you aim to achieve as a First Nations Leader, and how would you work with others to turn your vision into action?

House Captain Application Information

(Open to students in all year levels)

Applications for House Captain involve the following steps:

Step	Information	Weighting
Written application	Your written application should address the selection criteria relevant to the role as indicated below. Submit your written application with the 2027 Student Leadership Application Cover sheet by the required due date.	15%
Interview with selection panel	The selection panel will consist of the House Deputy Principal and Heads of House.	50%
Speech to House students	Applicants who are shortlisted after their interview will progress to a speech to their House at a House Assembly. All applicants will be offered support by the Head of House in the preparation and delivery of their speech.	10%
Student vote	Students will have the opportunity to vote following the speeches to ensure student voice is part of choosing our school leaders.	25%
Staff vote	The staff vote helps ensure a balanced view of each applicant's leadership potential, character, and demonstration of our PROUD values.	

Timeline

Term	Week	Day	Process/Event
T3	3	Tue 28 July	Student leadership process explained in at Whole School Assembly.
	4	Thurs 6 Aug	Application information emailed to all students and families.
	6	Fri 21 Aug	Printed applications due to Student Services by 9am.
	7	Mon – Fri	Applications shortlisted by panel.
	8	Mon 31 Aug	Shortlisted applications notified of progression to interview.
	9	Tues – Thurs	Interviews for shortlisted applicants.
		Fri 4 Sept	Successful applicants notified of progression to speeches.
	10	Wed 16 Sept	Applicants to submit speeches to Head of House for review.
T4	1	Tues 6 Oct	House Captain speeches at House Assembly.
	3	Awards Night	House Captain positions announced.

Written application

In your written application, of 400 words or less, respond to the following selection criteria.

1. Why do you want to serve as a House Captain, and what does a strong and inclusive house culture look like to you?
2. How have you demonstrated the qualities needed to build positive relationships and encourage others to participate in house events across the year?
3. What would you aim to achieve as a House Captain, and how would you strengthen participation and connection within your house?

Student Council

(Open to students in all year levels)

Applications for Student Council involve the following steps:

Step	Information	Weighting
Written application	Your written application should address the selection criteria relevant to the role as indicated below. Submit your written application with the 2027 Student Leadership Application Cover sheet by the required due date.	20%
Interview with selection panel	The selection panel will consist of the relevant Head of Department Student Services and Year Level Co-ordinator	50%
Student vote	Students will have the opportunity to vote following the speeches to ensure student voice is part of choosing our school leaders.	30%
Staff vote	The staff vote helps ensure a balanced view of each applicant's leadership potential, character, and demonstration of our PROUD values.	

Timeline

Term	Week	Day	Process/Event
T3	3	Tue 28 July	Student leadership process explained in at Whole School Assembly.
	4	Thurs 6 Aug	Application information emailed to all students and families.
	8	Thurs 3 Sept	Printed applications due to Student Services by 9am.
	9	Mon – Fri	Applications shortlisted by panel.
	10	Mon 14 Sept	Shortlisted applications notified of progression to interview.
		Tues – Thurs	Interviews for shortlisted applicants.
T4	3	Awards Night	Student Council announced.

Written application

In your written application, of 400 words or less, respond to the following selection criteria.

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Student Council, and what does student representation mean to you?
2. How have you demonstrated that you can listen to, represent and work on behalf of others?
3. What would you aim to achieve as a Student Council representative, and how would you turn student ideas into action?



2027 Student Leadership Application Cover Sheet

NOTE: If you are applying for more than one leadership position, please tick all that apply and attached your written application for each position.

Name	
2026 Student Leadership position applying for	☐ School Captain ☐ House Captain ☐ First Nations Leader ☐ Student Council – Year 7 ☐ Student Council – Year 8 ☐ Student Council – Year 9 ☐ Student Council – Year 10 ☐ Student Council – Year 11 ☐ Student Council – Year 12
House	
PROUD Start class	
PROUD Start teacher signature endorsing application	