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## What is an SRC?

A student Representative Council (SRCs) is a student led initiative which works towards increasing student voice across all areas impacting on a school and it's community. An SRC empowers all student voices to be valued and heard. The SRC meets on a regular basis to discuss issues impacting on the school community and how it can make school a more welcoming, safe and enjoyable experience for all students. Our belief is that students know and understand some things that others (teachers, principals and / or families) may not, and that they can have an effective input into decision making and planning as they experience school first-hand.

## SRC mission statement and values:

The Peacock SRC provides an opportunity to have input into decisions impacting all areas including teaching and learning within the school environment by promoting leadership skills and a sense of responsibility for students.

The Peacock SRC aims to build effective relationships and communication between students and staff and encourages positive behavior across the whole school community. We also hope that the SRC will provide younger students something to aspire to as the SRC are role models and mentors to younger students.

## **NBC Peacock SRC aims:**

- To encourage student participation in all areas of school life
- To facilitate the process of the Peacock SRC having input into all matters affecting the wider school community
- To bring the five Northern Bay College campuses together as a College community
- To widen the range of activities (across curriculum, extra-curricular and health and wellbeing) for all students
- To promote responsibility and good behaviour for all students through programs such as TRIBES and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
- To strengthen the Northern Bay College values of Collaboration, Outcomes, Respect and equity
- To represent the students of Northern Bay College by participating in student leadership events in the wider community





## How it all began...

It all started on the 28th of May 2014. Gypsy and Erick attended the regional VicSRC conference at North Geelong Secondary College to listen to guest speakers and gain a better understanding of leadership. They not only gained a better understanding of leadership but they were also inspired to rebuild the SRC which had not been active at Peacock campus for the last few years. Together with the other two 2014 campus leaders, Simona and Bella their dream was to help create a better school which empowers all students to be the best they can be and to have a voice in decision making in their learning community. Gypsy and Erick developed their knowledge about how the SRC works and how it can encourage our school to increase student voice across Peacock campus. With the help of others they received approval from the Principal, Sharon Biggins and Assistant Principal, Shane Ezard, for an SRC. They successfully managed to create a Peacock SRC and also to share knowledge and ideas across the College. The SRC has been active and students are working hard towards improving their education, leadership skills, and communication skills.







## How does it all work at Peacock?

The SRC members all participate in decision making. They share their ideas in a comfortable and safe place where everyone else values ideas and respectfully listens to each other. The campus leaders (also known as SRC executives) have meetings every Thursday recess with the Learning Partner, Ash Pike, to confirm the agenda or ensure that actions have been followed up between meetings. The SRC executive will then follow up with SRC members before the meetings to make sure that they have followed up with actions and offer assistance if needed.

Whole campus SRC meetings are held every fortnight and are facilitated and minuted by the SRC executives/Campus Leaders. All SRC meetings are student lead and are based around the students point of view. These meetings are attended by all our SRC members and also attended by Ash Pike, for extra support if needed. The SRC executives share the role of facilitator, taking minutes, organizing the agenda and ensuring that all SRC members attend meetings. Our SRC meetings listen to voice of all students. Every Learning Community has a suggestion box into which all students can submit ideas and opinions about the school. These are discussed at the next SRC meeting by the SRCs.





## Achievements of the Peacock SRC:

#### Footy Colours day fundraiser:

This year we held a Footy Colours Day in our school with a gold coin donation which went towards the cancer research.

#### ◆ CanTeen National Bandana week fundraiser:

National Bandanna Week is CanTeen's largest fundraiser held on Friday 30th of October. The Peacock Campus has supported this fundraiser for 2 years and sold bandanas to help people with cancer!

#### ♦ Sponsored child in Uganda through Cotton On's Kirabo Foundation:

This year we have sponsored "Hillary". Hillary is a young child in Uganda who needs our help to have an education.

#### ◆ Legacy week fundraiser:

Legacy Week is the annual national appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased Veterans. The SRC sold wristbands, badges and pens to raise funds for Legacy.

## **♦ MS Foundation fundraiser:**

The SRC co-ordinated a successful casual clothes day to raise money for the MS Foundation. Representatives then invited a MS Ambassador to assembly and presented the proceeds in front of the campus.

#### **♦** Continued developing and supporting young leaders at Peacock:

The SRC, together with our Heads Up Ambassadors, Stand Out Group, Roots & Shoots Group, Blue Earth, House and Koori Leaders work together to make positive change in our school and community.

## **♦ VicSRC Regional Conference:**

The Campus Leaders attended the VicSRC Regional Conference in Term 1. This conference provided the opportunity to network with other students and teachers in the region, to discuss and take action on important issues.

#### ◆ National Young Leaders Conference:

The Campus Leaders were fortunate enough to attend the Halogen Foundation National Young Leaders Conference. They were inspirational by the stories of successful Australian leaders such as, Bindi Irwin, Andy Griffiths, Coen Ashton & Jess Gallagher.

#### **♦** Supported the ongoing work of student voice groups:

lincluding Roots and Shoots (sustainability) and Stand Out (diversity and inclusion):

#### **♦ Toucan Appeal fundraiser for Geelong Food Relief:**

The Geelong Food Relief Centre provides a facility where those living in a variety of difficult circumstances can receive a range of free food.

#### Suggestion boxes for new ideas from students:

Suggestion boxes are being used in all learning communities across the campus. These boxes ensure that everyone has a chance to share their ideas about the school and how they want their school to be.

## Campus support for further development of student voice across all areas of the school:

To ensure that everyone in our Campus has the chance to speak up and to step out of their comfort zone to become empowering.

## ◆ Planning and facilitating effective fortnightly meetings:

These are held during class time and embedded into the school timetable: This is important so that the meetings are more valued and are more reliable.

## ♦ Assisting Principals with the smooth running of the P-5 Assembly:

The SRC assists our Campus Principals with the setup and effective delivery of the P-5 assembly and have developed a rotating roster for assembly assistants.

## → Planning and organising the 6-8 fortnightly assembly:

The SRC assembly representatives met with a 6-8 teacher on a fortnightly basis to assist with ensuring that the assembly had a strong student voice component.

## ♦ Working towards a safe and welcoming school environment:

Ensuring that everyone feels comfortable and safe in our school gives the students better education and a better place to learn.

## ◆ Planning for the peer2peer (mentor) program in 2016:

The P2P program is a new student led council which provides opportunity for the older students to help the younger students, talk to them about their problems and help make them feel better.

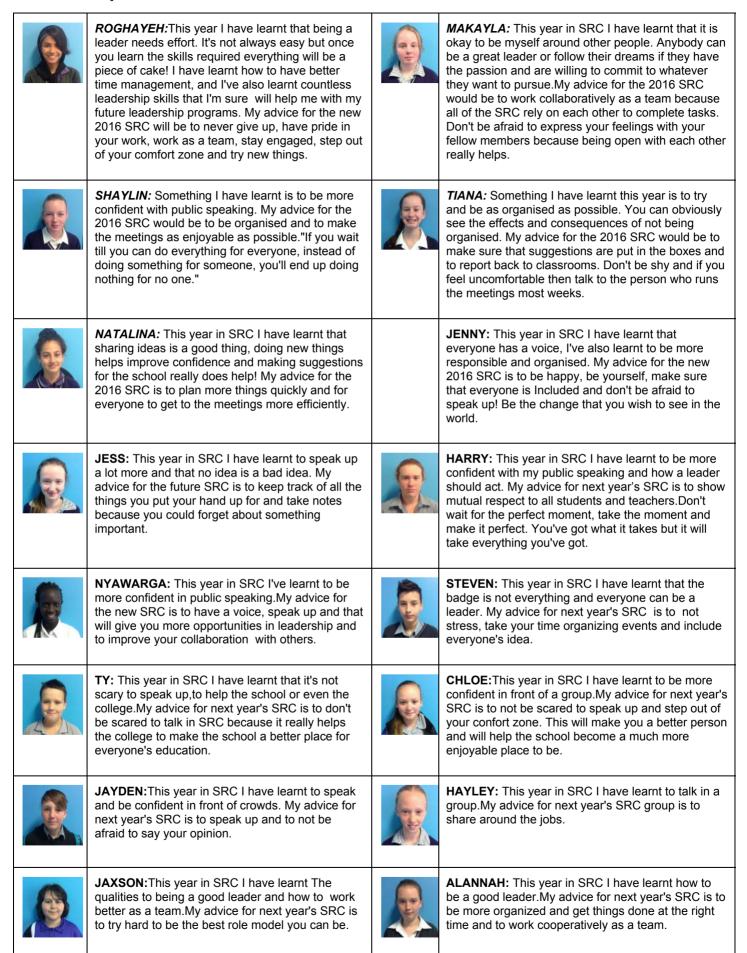
#### ◆ Planning for Teach The Teacher program in 2016:

Teach the Teacher is a school-based professional development program for teachers, led by students.





## **SRCs Experiences & Advice:**







## **Northern Bay College SRC Constitution:**

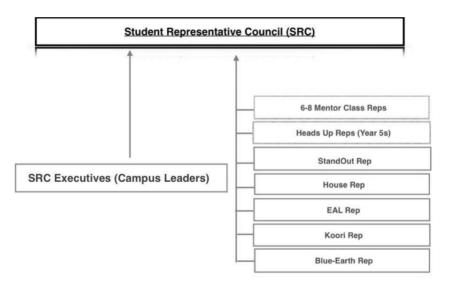
#### Aims:

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- To bring Northern Bay College together as a College community
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## The Role of SRC members:

- Taking ideas and suggestions from mentor groups to the SRC meetings for discussion
- Attending SRC meetings with other members and reporting back to the class on matters discussed
- Organising social events, fundraisers and taking full responsibility in collecting \$ on these events
- SRC Representatives are expected to participate in discussions to their full ability; this means giving their
  opinions and recommendations about the topic

## The Northern Bay College SRC model:



## **Meeting Procedure for SRC:**

- The SRC will meet at the agreed time fortnightly,
- Proper meeting procedure will be followed (an agenda will be developed, the meeting will be facilitated and minutes will be taken and communicated to staff and students after each meeting)
- SRC Executives will lead the meeting but may be assisted by the SRC support teacher if needed.
- Any decision requiring a vote within the SRC will only be made if there is a quorum (more than half of the SRC are participating in said meeting)

## **Meeting Procedure for SRC Executives:**

As well as participating in the regular SRC meetings the SRC Executives will meet fortnightly with the SRC support teacher to complete the agenda for the following meeting and ensure that tasks from the meeting prior have been completed. Decisions that haven't reached an agreement at the regular SRC meeting will be discussed at this meeting and the SRC executive committee will make the final decision if needed.

#### **Sub Committees:**

The SRC or SRC Executive may set up or appoint sub committees to take on a particular activity or task as needed. These subcommittees can be either long term or set up as needed throughout the year.

## **Alteration of The Constitution:**

The SRC constitution may only be altered by two thirds of the SRC Executive and also the support teacher







## **Expression Of Interest Form:**

The SRC is a student body representative council that acts as a voice for students at our school.

Our aims include: strengthening the Northern Bay CORE values by hearing student ideas and opinions that can help make Peacock Campus a fun and welcoming place for all students.

Please fill in this form or contact one of the student leaders for your opportunity to be in the SRC by [insert closing date] Name: Mentor Group/Class: Mentor Group/Class: Why do you want to be in the SRC? What unique qualities do you have that can benefit the SRC? What does being a leader mean to you? Are you eligible for any of the following specific positions on the SRC? (please circle) Koori Representative Bluearth Representative EAL Representative Standout Representative House/Sport Representative Student Signature:\_\_\_ Parent/guardian: Teacher Signature: Please note that by completing this form you are committing to a big responsibility at NBC Peacock and are





asked to stay engaged in the SRC for the duration of the year. Student leadership is hard work and involves your own personal time but together we can build student voice across all aspects of our school community!



## NBC Student Representatives Council (SRC)

## Who are we?

Young passionate leaders, creating a change. Making sure that everyone has a chance to speak up because they have a voice!



# SRC

## SRC Executives (Campus Leaders)

Roghayeh Sadeghi Shaylin Ryder Steven Koneski Harry Pickersgill



## 6-8 Mentor Group Reps

Jenny Setsuphakarn
Parisian Skirde
Jessica Redmond
Chloe Morrison
Hayley Patterson
Tiana Prodanov

## <u>Heads Up Reps</u> <u>(year 5s)</u>

Jaxson Akhyar Ty Gilson

## <u>Koori Rep</u>

Alannah Hammett

## House Rep

Jayden Antonio

## Bluearth Rep

Natalia Sevallo

## Stand Out Rep

Makaylah Prigg

## EAL Rep

Nyawarga Malow



