

Formal Student Involvement Policy at St. Peter's College, Dunboyne

This document outlines the roles of the Student Council, Monitors and Caomhnóirí in St. Peter's College.

A. Student Council

"A board of Management in second-level schools shall encourage and help students to set up a Student Council and shall assist a Student Council when established".
(Second Level Support Service http://www.studentcouncil.ie/?=working_group)

Application Process:

- Each tutor group in every year has two representatives.
- Students themselves vote for their representatives.
- Different representatives are elected annually.

Duties:

- Liaise with staff on important areas of concern to students.
- Liaise with the Principal of the school once a month about current issues.
- Teachers and management contact Student Council about areas they can assist or offer advice, e.g. Green Schools and School Radio.
- Two members of the Student Council (normally the President and Vice-President) sit on the Management Advisory Committee (MAC).

B. Monitors

Monitors help 1st years in their transition to secondary school life and each 1st year class has monitors who visit their tutor group on a regular basis.

Application process:

- Every Transition year student is given the opportunity to apply to be a monitor.
- Application can be made to Mr.Tighe (School Chaplain) by formal letter annually.
- Two day training in Glendalough.

Duties:

- Include assisting 1st years with their lockers and lunch at the beginning of the year.
- Support the 1st years in their transition from primary to secondary school.

C. Caomhnóirí

“A Caomhnóir is a student leader who upholds the ethos and principles of the school”. They support a positive school environment in a practical way.

Application Process:

- 5th year students are invited to make a statement if they want to be a Caomhnóir. This needs a teacher sponsor signature in concurrence with their application.
- They will then be called for interview by the Principal, a teacher and the Student President of the school.
- Having been successful they will attend an overnight training in Glendalough.
- Caomhnóirí are in place from December/January of 5th year until December Of 6th year.

Duties:

- Assisting at official school functions and tours.
- Organising school events, e.g. “St. Peter’s Live” .
- Responding to student questions and needs.
- Creating a caring atmosphere for all students.
- Added to these are specific duties.

It is the Board of Management’s responsibility to review on an ongoing basis

Signed: _____

Chairman of Board

Date: _____

Review date every 2-3 years