



Craigislea
State High School

STUDENT *Leadership*

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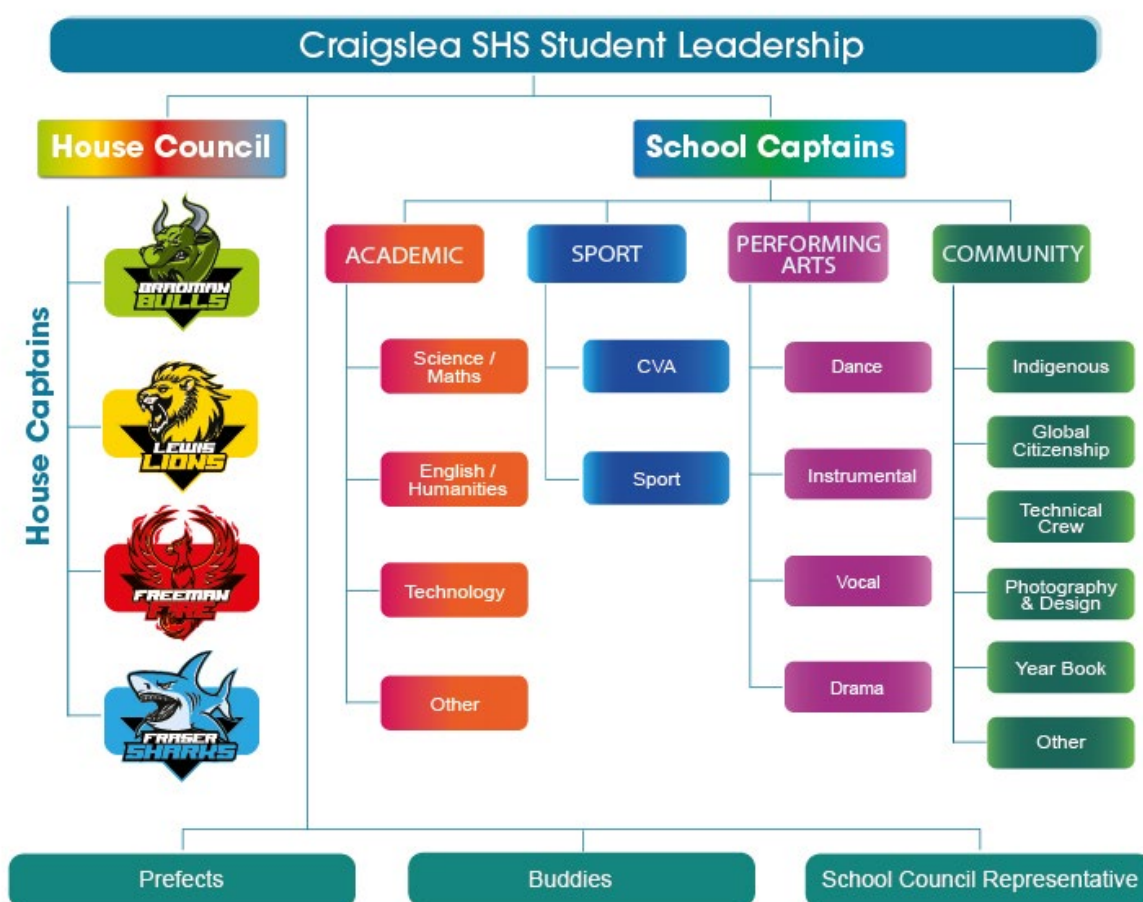
At Craigslea State High School, our student leadership philosophy is centred on providing a wide range of leadership opportunities through both curricular and extracurricular programs. These opportunities are designed for students in their junior and senior years, enabling them to develop a well-rounded set of leadership skills that benefit both the school and the broader community.

Our approach emphasises the importance of self-awareness in leadership. We believe that before students can effectively lead others, they must first understand themselves as leaders. This foundational principle guides our leadership programs and practices.

In 2025, our student leaders will work together to create the *Craigslea Leadership Statement*, which will serve as a guiding document for leadership at our school and in the wider community. Additionally, we have integrated a leadership development program for students in Years 7 to 12 within our *Craigslea and Beyond (CAB)* program. This program aligns with our commitment to fostering global citizenship and supports the ongoing development of leadership skills throughout a student's journey at Craigslea SHS.

Student Leadership Positions at Craigslea SHS

The senior and junior leadership positions are represented below:





Student Leadership Positions [\(Learn More\)](#)

Senior Positions	Junior Positions	Year 10 Positions Only
School Captains	Junior School Captains	Prefects
School Vice-Captains	Academic Captains	Buddy Leaders
Academic Captains	Sports Captains	House Representatives
Sports Captains	Performing Arts Captains	
Performing Arts Captains	CVA Captains	
CVA Captains	Community Leaders	
Community Leaders	House Captains	
House Captains	House Council Representatives	
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Induction and Period of Service

During Term 2, the CAB program will study the theory of leadership, including leadership styles, key qualities and skills. Leadership positions at Craigslea SHS are open in Term 2 and nominations close in Week 1 of Term 3.

The student leadership period officially begins with the announcement of leaders at the end of Term 3 and continues until the end of Term 3 the following year.

For students in Years 8 to 12, the formal induction into leadership roles takes place in Week 5 of Term 4. The Senior School Captains and Vice-Captains also attend a Senior Leaders Conference in Week 10. Additional leadership development opportunities are provided later in Term 1 for students holding other leadership positions.



Student Application Process

Students 7 – 11

Students self-nominate by downloading and printing the Pledge Form for their chosen leadership position from the '[Student Leadership](#)' page on the school website. The completed form must be submitted to the student counter. Additionally, students must complete the online Microsoft Forms application, emailed by the Year Level Coordinator, which includes providing details of three teacher references.

A detailed role description for each position is found on the '[Student Leadership](#)' page. Students should carefully review the responsibilities and expectations of their chosen leadership role before submitting the Pledge Form.

For those applying for the position of School Captain or Vice-Captain, shortlisted candidates must deliver a speech to the student body. After the speeches, students and staff will cast their votes. The selection process concludes with a panel interview. Once the School Captains and Vice-Captains are chosen, all other leadership positions will be filled, considering student preferences among the remaining applicants.

Leadership Commitment

Leaders will be evaluated based on role-specific criteria and selected accordingly. The following criteria apply to all student leadership positions:

- Lead by example in all aspects of school life and uphold school values in a manner worthy of the position.
- Present as an exemplary role model and a recognised leader in the school community, conducting themselves in a safe and respectful manner.
- Assist with the positive promotion of school life.
- Attend Student Leader meetings with the Principal, Deputy Principals and Head of Department Senior and Junior Schooling, School Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects.
- Wear the correct school uniform and show exemplary conduct.



Example of Pledge Form



Academic Captain Pledge Form

Academic Captain Roles and Duties

The role of Academic Captain is to undertake the following responsibilities:

- Lead by example in all aspects of school life and uphold school values in a manner worthy of the position.
- Liaise with Heads of Department and teachers of chosen portfolios.
- Support and champion the implementation of specific academic programs (such as academic tutorials) within the school.
- Positively promote the school's academic successes through marketing initiatives, including speaking at school assemblies, writing newsletter items and researching information about student academic achievements.
- Undertake public speaking duties as required, including providing information to Year 10 students to support the SET Planning process.
- Assist in the organisation of academic programs (such as those mentioned above) and other school and community-based events, including Science Week and Book Week.
- Attend regular meetings with the Principal, Deputy Principals, Head of Department for Senior Schooling, School Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects and other Captains.
- Always wear the correct school uniform, as outlined in the [School Dress Code](#).

I have read the Roles and Duties of the Academic Captain and understand the leadership criteria. I am willing to publicly pledge my commitment to this position.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Caregiver's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return your Pledge Form to the Student Counter by Wednesday Week 1, Term 3.

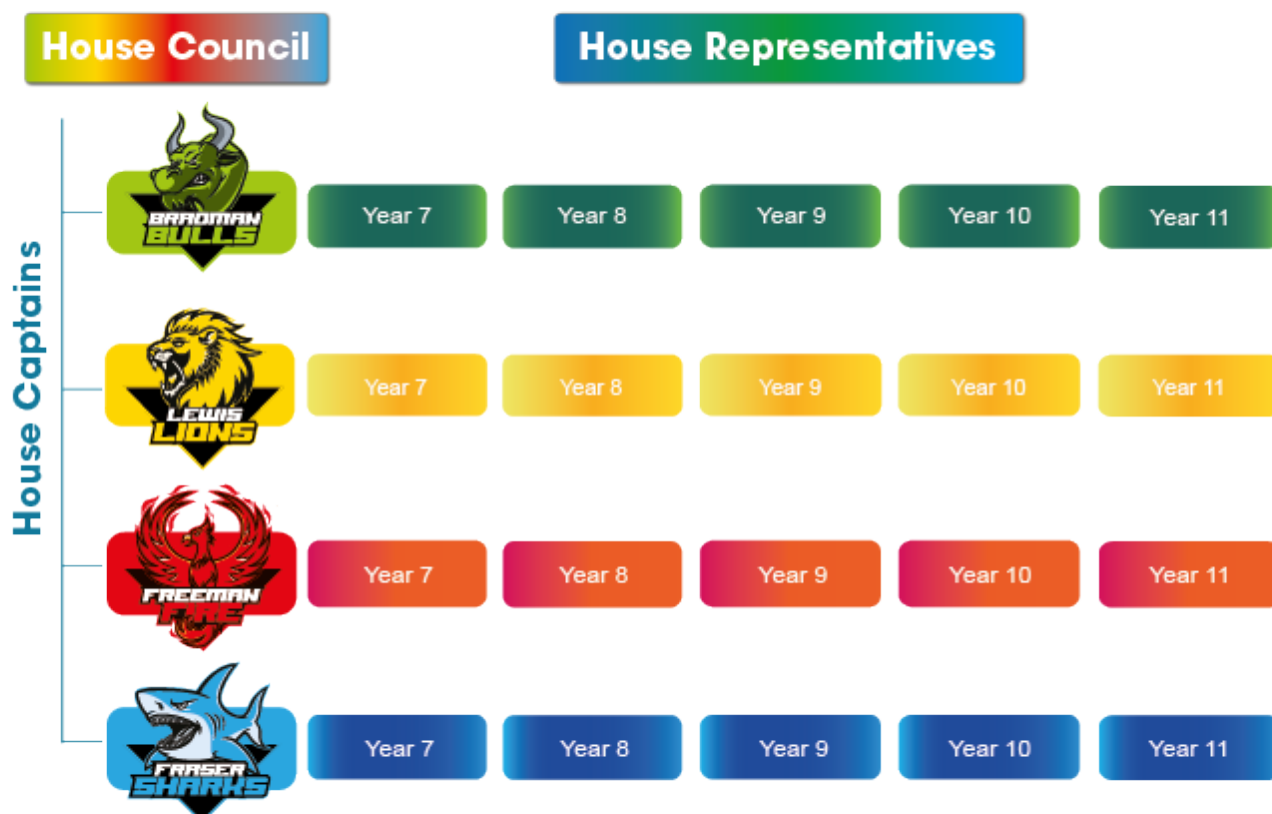
House Council

The House Council at Craigslea State High School provides students from all year levels with the opportunity to influence decisions on important issues and help shape the school's culture. The House Council is made up of two House Captains from each of the four houses—Lewis Lions, Fraser Sharks, Freeman Fire and Bradman Bulls—along with two House Executives and Representatives from Years 7 to 11 for each house.

The House Council meets twice a term after school and attendance at all meetings is mandatory for members. During these meetings, they collaborate with peers from other year levels to implement improvements for their house and the wider school community. Additionally, House Council Executives meet with the Principal, Deputy Principals and Head of Department for Senior and Junior Schooling to discuss key matters.

House Captain

The role of House Captain is essential for building community and identity within each house. Two House Captains are selected from each house to lead activities that foster school spirit, raise funds for the school's charity and organise house events. They are also responsible for promoting a strong sense of connection and engagement within their house.



Purpose of House Council

1. To provide students across all secondary school year levels with the opportunity to have a voice on issues and decisions that concern or interest them and impact the culture of Craigslea SHS.
2. To provide an experience which acknowledges leadership existing at all year levels and extends the opportunities to develop this leadership in a supportive manner.
3. To raise finance to support a school charity or project/s which enable students to support developments in the school which are identified as being of importance.

Scope of the House Council's Activities

Organising Activities to Promote School Spirit

Each House will organise a fundraising event led by the House Captains and House Representatives. Additionally, they will coordinate at least one major school event each year to raise funds that support the development of school spirit and the ongoing efforts of the House Council.

Address Student Issues

Each year, the House Council will identify an issue that impacts the wellbeing of students and staff.

The House Council will engage with the student body to gather feedback on matters that affect the school's culture throughout the year. For example, the focus could be on "Our School Environment," leading to a project aimed at sustainability and proposing both short-term changes and long-term improvements.

This issue will be tabled at the House Council Student Agency meeting each term for discussion, and then reviewed by the Principal. The Principal's decision on all matters will be final.

School Promotion and Celebration

The House Council will actively promote the positive aspects of Craigslea SHS within the school community and beyond. They will also serve as volunteers for key school events, such as Open Day, Immersion Day, Awards Night and the Community ANZAC Ceremony.

Operational Principles

The House Council consists of both Junior and Senior student representatives. While all students have the right to express their views at House Council meetings, they also have the responsibility to do so respectfully.

The House Council may enlist the support of students from all year levels to assist with activities, providing additional opportunities for leadership and citizenship development.

Role of House Council Executive

The two House Council Executives are chosen to undertake the following responsibilities:

- Oversee and support the progress of House Captains and their initiatives.
- Organise, lead and run House Council meetings in a manner that supports student voice, shared ideas and constructive conversation.
- Provide a positive, safe and welcoming atmosphere for all students involved in the House Council.
- Leading by example in all aspects of school life and upholding school values in a manner worthy of the position.
- Presenting as exemplary role models and recognised leaders in the school community, conducting themselves in a safe and respectful manner.
- Attend regular meetings with the Principal, Deputy Principals, Head of Department for Senior Schooling, School Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects, House Council and other Captains.
- Always wear the correct school uniform, as outlined in the [School Dress Code](#).

Role of House Council Representative

All House Council Representatives are expected to:

- Represent the issues of students across all year levels.
- Communicate the outcomes of discussions from House Council meetings to the student body.
- Support their House Captains in organising their fundraising event for the chosen school charity.
- Participate in school-based activities as required, including assisting with fundraising or community service events for other year levels.
- At all times, uphold the school rules and encourage fellow students to respect them.
- Behave in a respectful and responsible manner.
- Attend meetings twice a term.
- Always wear the correct school uniform, as outlined in the [School Dress Code](#).