



Friday September 13th 2024,

Dear parents,

I am writing to this week about student leadership opportunities in our school. We take student leadership seriously at Straits International School Rawang, not only because it offers our young people an opportunity for their voices to be heard but also because we know that the roles support the development of important leadership skills. In partnership with their families, we seek to prepare our students to lead lives where they can make a difference to the world that they are inheriting from us, so we care deeply about making sure that our future communities are in good hands.

I am impressed with not only the very obvious leadership potential within our student community but also the prefects initiative which is already in place. With this in mind, we will keep and further develop this system and it will continue to be led by Miss Aimi. Further information about our prefects system has been communicated to parents by Miss Aimi last week.

In addition, I am keen to also add some new layers of student leadership which are designed to create even greater opportunities for students to ensure that their voices are heard as well as providing a framework for personal and character development in which empowerment can take place. Firstly, we will create councils for both our primary and secondary phases. From the beginning of next week – Monday September 16th – students can apply to become either primary or secondary councilors by presenting to their peers during opportunities provided by their teachers. We will also implement an extra council – our school council – which will consist of members of both the primary and secondary councils.

Some of our students are also clearly very community-minded and empathetic, so we will very deliberately create a student leadership opportunity which allows young people with this very specific skillset to further develop their competencies in this area. Our *Friendly Faces* teams for both primary and secondary will be made up from volunteers from all key stages who express an

interest in signing up to this highly important initiative. If any students wish to become a Friendly Face, then they should speak to their form tutors or class teachers next week.

Later in the academic year, we will also be exploring the development of an Eco-Team for our school. This group will be tasked with taking the lead on issues around environmental stewardship and sustainability, with more detailed information to follow in due course.

The adults who support your children's development each day are, in short, determined to ensure that they leave Straits International School Rawang with not only outstanding academic qualifications but also the personal skills they need to be successful in the modern world. Our focus upon both strands of students' education this year will be highly focused and relentless in terms of the effort and attention provided.

Finally this week, parents are reminded that our school is closed next week on Monday & Tuesday due to public holidays, so we look forward to seeing our community again on Wednesday September 18th.

Yours sincerely,



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