

ISSL STUDENT PREFECTS

Leadership - Selflessness and Character Matters

Leadership is a fundamental value at ISSL. As such, ISSL Prefects are valued leaders. They require a high level of commitment not only because of the extra workload but because Prefects are held to a higher standard than the rest of the student body. They are in touch with the needs of the community and they provide a respected voice of student opinion.

Prefects are in essence the 'custodians of school values, traditions and culture' and they shoulder a great deal of respect for the spirit, tone and attitude of the school. Prefects are proud of their school and are largely motivated by a desire to give back. They receive various training in terms of formal leadership, conflict resolution, effective communication, team building and event coordination.

Prefects are some of the school's best role models; they have an excellent record of behaviour, attendance, punctuality and uniform.

Becoming a prefect is a great way to contribute at school, and is a massive advantage for students in the future. Research shows that many successful business people held positions of responsibility while they were at school. Reference letters are provided to all school Prefects to be included in their personal resumes.

A Prefect is

- ***A positive role model, able to be a strong ambassador for the school***
- ***Confident, shows initiative and is a good problem solver***
- ***Active in setting a positive tone for the school***
- ***Engaged in school life***
- ***Cooperative, helpful, well-mannered and trustworthy***
- ***Respected by peers and Respectful toward teachers, peers, and the school environment***
- ***Honest, conducting themselves with integrity***
- ***Willing to serve and is organized in terms of time management***
- ***Responsible and willing to take on responsibility***
- ***Loyal to the school and abides by the guidelines of behaviour in terms of a safe and caring school***
- ***A creative problem solver***
- ***Able to communicate effectively with adults and students***
- ***Able to be both compassionate and just***
- ***An independent worker and complete tasks without supervision.***
- ***Positive and enthusiastic with ability to encourage/motivate fellow students***

In our safe and caring school, Prefects may be asked at any time to assist in the smooth running of the school. They are responsible in concert with teachers for the good conduct of the student body, especially at times when the school meets as a unit (at school assemblies, morning and afternoon breaks, field trips, after school activities, etc). Prefects do not have the right to give punishments and all serious and persistent offences must be reported to a teacher or the principal.

Prefects:

1. **Ensure that school is a safe and caring place:** Prefects will support school staff throughout the day to identify and address concerns for the wellbeing of our students. This includes monitoring student conduct and minor infractions (dress, attitude, care of school property, etc) to ensure school rules are followed at all times. In the event of a non-routine or major behaviour incident, they will make a referral to a teacher or the principal. If Prefects witness outstanding behaviour and good character among their peers, they can award house points.
2. **Are Always Fair** – Prefects must focus on being fair at all times, not to vary standards, not to have favourites or enemies, and not to allow personal prejudices to interfere with fairness and integrity. Prefects will not make threats which they are unable to carry out. Prefects should never find themselves in a position where it would be impossible for members of staff to support them.
3. **Are approachable and support others.** The kind and friendly Prefect will gain the most respect. Prefects show they care for the school overall by offering help to those that might need it, in particular to young or new students.
4. **Are involved in extra-curricular activities.** Prefects lead by example and show school spirit by participating in various events, or even organizing house teams.
5. **Demonstrate good and clear communication.** Communication must always be positive. The key in communicating effectively is to be approachable, whether it is to students, parents, or visitors. To be a confident Prefect is something accomplished with practice. Prefects will watch how people react to language and tone and change their communication style accordingly to become a better communicator. Another important component of communication is responding positively to student concerns and sharing concerns with administration.
6. **Prefects will attend Prefect meetings**–To ensure ISSL is a safe and caring school, Prefects will meet with the principal and/or school staff regularly to discuss routine matters and isolated problems, to recognize peer accomplishments, and to seek feedback if it helps ensure duties are performed with the highest standards.

We have read this document, understand it and will be responsible as described above.

Print Student Name and signature

Date

Staff representative – Print Name & Signature

Date