

Parliamentary Roles

Governor General

The Governor General is the head of Parliament and has the right to endorse or decline motions which were carried by Parliament. The Governor General is the School Principal.

The Governor General's Reporter (Student)

The Governor General Reporter acts as an intermediary between the Governor General and the Parliament. He/she will deliver copies of minutes to the Governor General, keep the Governor General up to date on Parliamentary sessions and issues, and deliver to the Parliament any messages from the Governor General, especially when the Governor General is unable to attend in person.

Speaker (Student)

The Speaker is addressed as Mister and /or Madame Speaker, and he or she controls the Parliamentary sessions, and needs a copy of the Parliamentary Procedure sheet.

Sergeant At Arms (Students)

Record at the teachers' request any misconduct or inappropriate behaviour by either Ministers or Backbenchers.

Party Leaders (Captains)

The Leaders of the Parties organize the policies of their respective parties, call Party meetings and work with their Ministers.

Deputy Leaders (Vice Captains)

The Deputy Leader assists the Leader in the running of the Party and accepts responsibility for the Party in the Leader's absence.

The leaders and/or Deputy Leaders will be responsible for collecting the Parliament Request book from the Annex signing on table and distributing jobs as required.

Prior to 2008, School Captains and Vice Captains played a less significant role in parliamentary procedures and acted as Speakers and Sergeant at Arms. This was changed to acknowledge their standing within the school and to further their leadership skills.

Ministers

Education Ministers

The Education Ministers are responsible for school based activities, such as: MC for Education Week; running or reporting on curriculum related competitions such as art work competitions; and reinforcing school rules. The Education Ministers will also take the minutes at Party meetings and forward a copy to the mentoring teachers. Education Ministers will be responsible for the delivery and return of walkie-talkies and a supply of green cards to the teachers on playground duty etc.

Sport and Recreation Ministers

The Sport and Recreation Ministers are responsible for reporting on achievements in School, PSSA, Zone and Metropolitan South West Area sporting activities. The Ministers act as MCs for Sport's Assemblies, and are responsible for the running of sporting competitions within the school, and the setting up and putting away of basketball hoops and netball poles where this is considered appropriate. They will also oversee the House Captains and Vice captains.

Communications Ministers

The Communications Ministers are responsible for the setting up of the stage (chairs and lectern) and microphone for Parliamentary sessions. They are also in charge of the School Communications Board, the delivery of Parliament minutes and the posting of proposed motions and other relevant information on designated notice boards around the school.

Functions Ministers

The Functions Ministers are responsible for the organization of extra curricula activities such as discos, mufti days, ice cream days etc. They will also be on call to assist at assemblies etc.

Lands and Environment Ministers

The Lands and Environment Ministers are responsible for the grounds of the School and the surrounding community. It is the responsibility of these Ministers to check the playground for cleanliness, organize clean up days and inspect the gardens. They are also to oversee the recycling, and think of ways to improve the playground environment.

Transportation Ministers

The Transportation Ministers are responsible for reporting on the behaviour of bus children, whilst waiting for, and on the bus. The Ministers can recruit and organize Bus Monitors to assist with this. They will also check that bikes and scooters are appropriately parked and secured.

Health and Safety Ministers

The Health and Safety Ministers are responsible for the organizing of canteen monitors for both infants and primary, to advertise new products from the canteen and to ensure the cleanliness of the toilets.

K-4 Ministers

The K-4 Ministers are responsible for liaising with the rest of the school and for reporting Parliament news to the younger students. They will also regularly check for issues that the younger students or their teachers need to be raised at Parliament, and will oversee any classes that visit Parliament.

This is a new portfolio established to involve the younger students at an earlier stage in whole school citizenship.

Other Roles

Mace Bearers

The Mace Bearers are responsible for carrying in and out the mace to signify the opening and closing of Parliament. The Mace bearers also provide assistance to the Communication Ministers as required.

Treasurer(Student)

Checks with the Office Assistant the day before Parliamentary sessions, keeps a total of all income and expenditure and reports this to Parliament.

Secretary(Teacher)

Records the minutes of each session. Makes copies of the minutes for all Executive staff, the Governor General's Reporter, and the Class teachers involved with Parliament (which are then delivered by the Communications Ministers). Brings minutes to subsequent sittings and keeps a log of pending motions.

Backbenchers

The students who are not elected to office are the Members of the House or Backbenchers, who have the opportunity to propose motions, debate in the House and vote on all issues.

Mentors(Teachers)

Give advice on Parliamentary procedures, encourage participation on Committees, advise during Party meetings, advise on Policy development, help organize elections and assist Ministers in the following up on Motions. Teachers are to remain as positive role models at all times, and to call point of order as necessary.