



2027 Executive Student Leader Application Package

The executive student leadership team is a standing committee of year 12 students who work with and lead the pillar leaders from across all year levels in the school.

The executive student leadership positions include:

- School Captains – 4 x Year 12 students
- Academic Executive Pillar Leaders – 2 x Year 12 students
- Community Executive Pillar Leaders – 2 x Year 12 students
- Cultural Executive Pillar Leaders – 2 x Year 12 students
- Sport Executive Pillar Leaders – 2 x Year 12 students
- First Nations Leader – 1 x Year 12 student

Selection Process:

- Students self-nominate from Monday, Week 4 closing Wednesday, Week 5 of Term 3.
- Students nominate by filling in the application form and respond to the questions asked.
- Students to also attach an accompanying cover letter expanding on their suitability to the role e.g. views on leadership, values and motivations, previous contributions both within and outside the school.
- Obtain endorsement by two Southport State High School staff members – one must be a current class teacher.
- Nominees will be shortlisted by a panel consisting of the Executive Principal, Senior Head of School, Senior Deputy Principal, HOD of student Engagement and Senior Deans of students.
- Shortlisted nominees will deliver a short 2.5 minute speech to the Year 11 and Year 7 cohorts at an assembly in Week 6, Term 3.
- Interviews with the panel will take place in Week 7, Term 3 for shortlisted candidates. Students will receive an email calendar invite for their interview time.
- The school community will vote for candidates

First Nations Student candidates:

- Will follow the above process.
- No speeches will need to be delivered.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview with panel via email calendar invite with interview time.

Announcement:

The announcement of School Captains and Executive Pillar Leaders will be made in Week 1 of Term 4 at a Senior School Assembly and will be formally inducted at the Academic Awards Night in Week 7 of Term 4.



Leadership Role Statements:

School Captains

As a School Captain, you will be a part of the Student Executive Leadership team and will lead many initiatives around the school. You will be a role model to the entire student body. School Captains are part of an important team on ceremonial occasions and must be reliable and available to lead school events and/or represent the school, sometimes at short notice.

The School Captains will have a vision for the direction of Southport State High School, particularly in relation to issues of student belonging and welfare. All students should feel that the members of the Student Executive team will listen to them and to take their issues to the relevant decision-making body in the school, as the executives meet regularly with the Principal and other Administration members to discuss school and student issues. A School Captain must therefore have excellent verbal communication skills, show initiative, display respect for self and others and always actively uphold the school's TORO values.

You will work with the Year 12 Executive Pillar Leaders and 7-11 Pillar Leaders to represent Southport SHS with pride and contribute to creating a positive school culture. You will be working with the HOD Engagement to lead the Pillar Leaders and directly working with the Executive Principal to support and deliver the vision of the Student Council and have an ongoing active role to ensure the best outcomes for the school community.

Role Commitments:

- Always uphold the school TORO values
- Act as a positive and exemplary role model at all times
- Wear school uniform correctly, with pride and dignity at all times
- Represent the school effectively at public events and school functions
- Play an active role in assemblies and parades
- Meet, greet, and escort special guests who visit the school
- Help organise school events and functions
- Attend regular meetings with School Leaders and Administration
- Meet with Southport Student Leadership Executive Team each fortnight to discuss new projects/tasks/issues.
- Take an active leadership position on the School Council
- Nurture younger students in leadership skills development
- Show initiative in the school grounds when needed
- Attend leadership camp, leadership days and leadership PD sessions
- Communicate with fellow Leadership Team / Pillar Leaders
- Be a positive role model and adhere to the school's attendance target and behaviour policy
- Lead, participate and/or organise the following events:
 - Sports Carnival
 - Cross Country
 - Swimming Carnival
 - Enrolment Night
 - Orientation Day
 - Lunchtime competitions and challenges
 - Special Assemblies including ANZAC Day and NAIDOC Week
 - Year 12 Graduation, Formal and other Senior events
 - School and Year Level Assemblies
 - Fundraising and special events
 - Parent Teacher Nights
 - Business Alliance Breakfasts
 - House Cup Events



Executive Pillar Leaders

As a Year 12 Pillar Leader you will be part of the Student Executive Leadership team and will lead initiatives across the school through your Pillar: Academic, Cultural, Community or Sport. You will be responsible for all the planning, theming, coordinating, and running of various school events. The key leadership duties include, encouraging student participation in events and carnivals, the promotion of House Spirit and positive culture, leading House and year level assemblies and coordinating activities in conjunction with your respective Pillar Leaders.

Pillar Leaders will be required to attend lunchtime meetings as well as make themselves available for supporting roles in the setup and pack up of events. Further, Pillar Leaders may be called upon to contribute to other school cultural events when additional student leadership is required.

You will work with the Year 12 Executive Pillar Leaders and 7-11 Pillar Leaders to represent Southport SHS with pride and contribute to creating a positive school culture. You will show initiative, display respect for self and others and always actively uphold the school's TORO values. You will be working with the HOD Engagement to lead the Pillar Leaders to support and deliver the vision of the Student Leadership Team and have an ongoing active role to ensure the best outcomes for the school community.

Pillar Leaders must be supportive team members who exemplify the school TORO values and uphold the school rules and who will make a positive contribution to the school not only in their Pillar area but with all student leader events and initiatives.

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- Wear school uniform correctly with pride and dignity at all times
- Represent the school effectively at public events and school functions
- Play an active role in assemblies and parades
- Meet, greet, and escort special guests who visit the school
- Help organise school events and functions
- Meet with Southport Student Leadership Executive Team each fortnight to discuss new projects/tasks/issues.
- Nurture younger students in leadership skills development
- Show initiative in the school grounds when needed
- Attend leadership camp, leadership days and leadership PD sessions
- Communicate with fellow Leadership Team / Pillar Leaders
- Be a positive role model and adhere to the school's attendance target and behaviour policy
- Lead, participate and/or organise the following events:
 - Sports Carnival
 - Cross Country
 - Swimming Carnival
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 - School and Year Level Assemblies
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 - Parent Teacher Nights
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First Nations Leader

As the First Nations Leader, you will lead cultural initiatives across the school and be a role model to the First Nations students within the student body. You will work with the Pillar Leaders to represent Southport SHS with pride and contribute to creating a positive school culture, with a particular focus on building the profile of the First Nations culture within the school. You will be working with the HOD Engagement and our Indigenous Support Officer and will have an ongoing active role in the school community. The First Nations Leader may also be appointed as Pillar Leader and hold a dual position of office.

You will identify with the local First Nations community upholding the beliefs and values of the school and their culture. You will have a vision for the direction of Southport SHS particularly in relation to the First Nations cohort focusing on student belonging and welfare. The student body needs to have confidence that the First Nations leader will listen and represent them and take their issues to the relevant decision-making body. You will play an important role in ceremonial events, therefore you must be reliable, and able to lead/attend school events often at short notice. The First Nations Leader should have good communication skills, show initiative, display respect for themselves and others and always uphold the school's TORO values.

Role Commitments:

- Meet with Southport Student Leadership Executive Team each fortnight to discuss new projects/tasks/issues
- Meet with the Indigenous Support Officer and HOD Engagement each fortnight to discuss new projects/tasks/issues
- Increase the profile of the First Nations culture within the school's community
- Promote significant cultural events across the school and into the broader community
- Always uphold the school TORO values
- Act as a positive and exemplary role model at all times
- Wear school uniform correctly with pride and dignity at all times
- Represent the school effectively at public events and school functions
- Play an active role in assemblies and parades
- Meet, greet, and escort special guests who visit the school
- Nurture younger students in leadership skills development
- Show initiative in the school grounds when needed
- Attend leadership camp, leadership days and leadership PD sessions
- Communicate with fellow Leadership Team / Pillar Leaders
- Be a positive role model and adhere to the school's attendance target and behaviour policy
- Lead the organisation of the following events:
 - NAIDOC Week
 - Fundraising and special events

How to apply:

1. Fill in the application form on the next page
2. Print the form, along with your cover letter elaborating on your suitability for student leadership and your desired role; to the Engagement Hub in a sealed envelope.
3. Due date for applications: Wednesday, 12 August, 2026 (3pm sharp)



2027 Student Leader Nomination Form

Name of applicant:

Click or tap here to enter text.

House:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Year 12 Executive Leader roles - Check the box/s you wish to nominate for	☐ School Captain ☐ Academic Pillar Leader ☐ Cultural Pillar Leader ☐ Community Pillar Leader ☐ Sport Pillar Leader ☐ First Nations Student Leader
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SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SUPPORT FOR THIS APPLICATION

COMMENT:

I have read and acknowledge the required commitment for the role of student leader that my child is applying for and support their application:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Explain the areas you are interested in leading, alongside regular student leader duties
2. What would you like to improve or introduce to students at Southport SHS across years 7-12 and why?
3. What project would you like to lead to improve the culture of Southport SHS students that aligns to the TORO values?
4. List your skills or relevant experience that make you a suitable candidate for an executive student leader.

Click or tap here to enter text.



TEACHER SUPPORT FOR THIS NOMINATION

(This endorsement cannot be the Executive Principal, Head of School, Senior School DP or HOD Engagement to ensure no conflict of interest in the selection process.)

1. Endorsed by:

Staff member: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: _____

Comment: _____

2. Endorsed by:

Staff member: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: _____

Comment: _____

Please print this form and attach your cover letter and return to the Engagement Hub in a sealed envelope by 3pm, Wednesday 12th August, 2026.