SCHOLARS
INDIAN SCHOOL

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Establishment Procedures

In April Term 1, Grade 9 to 12 nominees participate in a pre-election campaign. Each nominee is required to address an assembly of students from Grade 6 - 12, outlining his/her ideas and plans as well as giving some personal background information.

Elections are then held, by secret ballot. All students in Grade 6-12 are eligible to vote.

Presidents and Prime Minister (School Captain and Vice Captain are the students who attain the highest number of votes). From this point the remainder of the Student Parliament is formed.

(At the wake of Covid-19 pandemic ,the school parliamnet election -2020 was conducted in online platform . All the activities related to school election (submission of nomination papers, publication of the candidates, publication of voter's list, election campaign, meet the candidate programme, voting, counting and declaration of result) were systematically executed in online platform.

Pledge of Office

I, _____, do solemnly affirm, that I shall faithfully represent the interest of the student body of the Scholars Indian Private School.

I will, do the best of my ability, uphold, promote and support the goals and objectives of the Scholars Student Council.

I will serve as a positive role model, leader and voice for the student population.

I will strive to achieve, the high level of expectation, that goes along with being, a Student Council of Scholars.

Expectations of All Members of Parliament

All members of Scholars Indian Private School Student Parliament are expected to maintain a high standard of behaviour and citizenship. This should be demonstrated in their daily relationships and interactions with students and staff alike. In this way they will assist in the development of a school community where individuals feel secure, happy and free to strive towards their full potential.

Additionally, all members of Scholars IndianPrivate School Student Parliament are expected to consistently
display positive leadership skills. These qualities include:

- Responsibility
- Reliability
- Consideration
- Courtesy
- Use of initiative
- Loyalty
- Willingness to be involved in all school activities

Any Parliament member that receives a detention referral will have their suitability for the position reviewed by the Principal and may lose their position.

Ministers of Parliament who fail to display appropriate behaviour may have their Parliamentary position reviewed by the Principal and failing which, will lose their position.

Ministers will report to Parliament.
Ministers will undertake specific tasks each week.
Ministers will form a committee to help in fulfilling his/her duties.

All Parliamentary decisions / recommendations must have the approval of the Principal before they are implemented. It is the responsibility of the President together with the Minister involved to meet with the Principal to discuss Parliamentary decisions / recommendations. The Ministers will then arrange to meet with the staff member responsible for their portfolio.

Each Minister is responsible for organising appointment times with the Principal or other staff members as appropriate.

PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

President

- Support Speaker at Parliament
- To support Ministers to fulfil their responsibilities
- Co-ordinate weekly and special assemblies
- Assist classes to organise assemblies
- Make speeches during special occassions
- Write thank you notes for services rendered to our school / grade
- Represent our school on special occasions
- To support the school authorities on implementing online safety measure.
- Play an important role to create awareness among the students on cyber bullying and e-safety rules.

Prime Minister

- To support President
- To act as President in his/her absence
- To support the school authorities on implementing online safety measure.
- Play an important role to create awareness among the students on cyber bullying and e-safety rules.

Speaker of the House

- To chair Parliamentary sessions
- Conduct voting
- Ensure Ministers follow Parliamentary procedures

- Prepare and present a report at each Parliamentary session

Minister for Communication/General Magazine Editor

- Report to each Parliamentary session
- Write Parliament reports for newsletter each fortnight
- Maintain display boards
- Inform classes about meeting times for Parliament
- Keep Parliament alert and moving along freely by questioning decisions
- Prepare and publish digital school magazine.
- Create awareness on various topics like Covid protocol, e-safety rules etc.

Minister for Health and Safety

- Report to each Parliamentary session
- Assist with canteen lunches if required
- To be part of Fire and safety Committee
- To help in evacuation process
- See the safety and security of students
- To support the school authorities on implementing online safety measure.
- Play an important role to create awareness among the students on cyber bullying and e-safety rules.

Minister for the Environment

- Report to each Parliamentary session
- Form and organise a committee
- Invite Environment Co-ordinator to sit on the committee
- Assist with grounds / garden where possible
- Increase school awareness of special Environmental days.
- Advertise environmental concerns
- Educate others in environmental matters
- Co-ordinate recycling activity
- Celebrate Environment day and other significant days
- Promote the protection of rare species

Minister for Sport

- Report to each Parliamentary session
- Form and organise a committee
- Invite Sports Co-ordinator to sit on the committee
- Supervise sport store - keep it tidy, check equipment
- Check sport store is locked each afternoon
- Assist with distribution of sporting equipment for weekly sport, carnivals and at lunchtimes
- Assist the PE teachers during the Annual sports day and Annual sports selection day

Minister for Culture & Happiness

- Report to each Parliamentary session.
- Form and organise a committee for happiness everytime.
- Organise programmes that brings happiness.
- Report any happenings to the Principal.
- Organise cultural programmes.
- Organise various activites to create awreness among the students on various topics like cyber bullying, e-safety rules etc.

PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES

1. Parliament meets minimum twice in a term
2. Classroom representatives of Grade 6 to 12 are invited to attend and contribute toParliamentary discussion. Matters of classroom concern must be raised at this time.
3. Parliamentary procedure allows for discussion and decision making concerning mattersrelevant to the general school.
4. Decision making may entail conferring with Principal/Staff, before final decisions arereached.

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