Point Cook P-9 College House Captain Application

Year 9 students,
You are invited to apply for a position as a House Captain. The position of House captain falls under our new model of Student Leadership at PCC. Below you will find information on general Leadership expectations as well as that specific to House Captain positions, which have been highlighted. Please note that the concept of House Captain is designed around the rationale of ‘contribution to a community’ rather than simply a ‘sport’ specific focus

Please read the information carefully before completing and submitting your application for Leadership Positions.

Student leadership roles are an important part of any school as they provide opportunities for students to have a ‘voice’ in what happens throughout the College as well as enabling students to develop their own leadership skills. We will be creating a number of leadership roles across the College with each role defined by a series of specific expectations. Careful consideration should be given before applying for these roles as they require high levels of enthusiasm, communication and commitment. Elected student leaders will be supported by staff to develop their leadership capabilities.

Rationale for Student Leadership at PCC:
1. To promote leadership and responsibility across the College as a model of good citizenship.
2. To create a structured forum for student voice to be heard and valued and for their leadership skills to be developed and exercised.
3. To provide opportunities to make contributions to decision making processes within the College
4. To provide opportunities for personal development, commitment, leadership, initiative and responsibility
5. To promote community involvement within the College

Leadership Expectations:
If elected to a leadership role you will be expected to:
✓ Commit to the role for the term of the position (school year)
✓ Act as a role model for our community by upholding and promoting our Values
✓ Work as an effective member of the leadership team
✓ Carry out responsibilities as agreed on by the leadership team
✓ Be an active participant in all aspects of the role
✓ Manage time effectively in relation to class work and carrying out responsibilities as required

Leadership Positions:
House Captains (4 houses)  Year 9  1 boy and 1 girl  Appointed by College Executive after application

Leadership Selection Process
It is important to remember that there are a limited number of positions available and it is anticipated that final decisions will be extremely difficult. By taking the time to write this application it demonstrates to us that you have the necessary commitment, initiative and passion required. If you are unsuccessful you should be very proud of your willingness to put yourself forward and you are strongly encouraged to continue to put your hand up for other leadership opportunities as they arise.
HOUSE CAPTAIN ROLE DESCRIPTION:
As a House Captain (Senior and Junior) you will be expected to:
✓ Attend House Leadership meetings (held fortnightly at lunchtime)
✓ Manage house point system across the College (new initiative)
✓ Lead House meetings and organise/run house events
✓ Provide an overview of House related activities and events
✓ Attend College and Neighbourhood meetings and assemblies as required
✓ Manage time effectively in relation to class work and carrying out responsibilities as required
✓ Organise regular lunchtime activities
✓ Organise House fundraising events

NOTE: Successful applicants may need to be assigned to a different House to the one in which they are currently a Member.

House Captain Selection Criteria
Please address each of the following questions to the best of your ability, providing specific examples and ideas for action where appropriate. **Applications are due by Tuesday 16th June 2015.** Type and email your application to Mrs Fincher: robynfincher@pcc.vic.edu.au Remember to include your full name and home room on the application as well as your current House colour.

Applications will be shortlisted based on your responses to the selection criteria. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to attend an interview with the selection panel (Mr Vetere, Mrs Fincher and Ms Van Braam) within the following week. During the interview you will be expected to expand on your application responses and answer questions in relation to your passion, commitment and ability to carry out the role.

1. Why do you want to be considered for a House Captain position?
2. What qualities does a good House Captain need and why would you be a good choice for the role?
3. A major part of your role will be to work with the other House Captains to organise activities and special events. What ideas do you have that you think would be possible to implement?
4. Give an example of how you have demonstrated each of the following:
   a) Good organisational skills
   b) Commitment to the school
   c) Ability to work well with others – teachers and/or students
5. Leave us with a brief closing ‘Pick Me’ statement, as to why you should be the student we select for a House captain position.