

TECOMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Voice School of the Year Finalist 2022

School size: 450 students

School type: government, Foundation – Grade 6

Student voice is at the centre of everything at Tecoma Primary School (TPS) and every Grade 6 student has a leadership role.

Student voice and agency

The TPS Student Action Team (SAT), report to the School Improvement Team (SIT) as the voice of the student body.

Grade 6 leaders make up an Executive Committee of the SAT and each class votes for their class representative. Representatives bring ideas and feedback from their classes to meetings and work on projects that the school has underway.

Class meetings are run by the SAT, focusing on issues and ideas for learning, the classroom and whole school improvement.

The SAT has been involved in workshops discussing what a good lesson looks like to influence teacher planning documentation, naming and creating a plaque for our Buddy Bench, and will be facilitating meetings in each class to develop new school values.

Grade 5 and 6 students work with the teaching team on planning days to reflect on what they liked and what could be improved or changes in the presentation and facilitation of lessons. This led to changes in the set up of Google Classroom during remote learning that made navigation easier.

Student leadership

TPS has a whole school leadership program that runs each week. Grade 6 students plan and run lessons according to their role. Sports captains run the Sports Education in Physical Education Program (SEPEP) for Grades 3 and 4, and captains for performing arts, visual arts, computer, environment, junior sport, and wellbeing run programs for Grades 1 and 2.

TPS also has a Junior School Council, which is responsible for organising event days and philanthropic activities.