



## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF WALVIS BAY

### STUDENTS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

#### RULES AND PROCEDURES

### **Introduction**

An election will be held during the third Trimester of every year.

### **Our Mission**

Our Mission is to strive to create a multicultural environment of international standard, in which adolescents with leadership qualities can successfully grow into :

- Socially
- Emotionally
- Intellectually
- Spiritually balanced human beings, who are
- Environmentally conscious and will become
- Tomorrow's economic role players and decision makers

Who would also become

- Self-Confident
- Independent
- Critical Thinkers
- With a CAN-DO attitude

### **RULES :**

1 **First-past-the-post**, (FPTP) also known as plurality or simple majority voting. This means the candidates with the most votes, will, subject to recommendation from the student council teachers and the sanction of the Principal, be elected.

### **2 Who can stand for election?**

In accordance with the standing procedures and previous Teacher/Council decisions, the following criteria for nomination shall apply:

- be in the student category of **IGCSE Year 1** and have attended the ISWB for at least **one full school year**.
- declare their ability and willingness, if elected, to fulfill the role and commitments as set out in the role description and to adhere to all ISWB policies

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Students who:

- Are able to co-operate and lead in a social group
- Are creative and logical thinkers
- Independent
- Exhibit leadership potential
- Display a love and respect for community and environment
- Are a personal and academic example to their peers
- Are willing to attend leadership and team building camps
- Display Listening and Advisory skills
- Display the key values of Manners and Respect; Integrity; Tolerance; Responsibility; Empathy and Caring towards their fellow students
- Share in and maintain the ethos of commitment to academic work, and willing engagement in the full co-curricular life of the school.
- have discussed the implications of standing for election with their Class Teacher and confirm that their Class Teacher is willing to support them in carrying out this role if they are successful

**3 Term of office:** Students will be elected for a one year term

**4 Nominations:**

- 4.1** A Maximum of 10 (ten) nominations may be submitted.
- 4.2** Number of Council Members will be determined by the number of students in the IGCSE Year 1 classes.
- 4.3** Only IGCSE Year 1 students will be eligible for nomination.
- 4.4** The 15 students with the higher nomination count shall be eligible for election by ballot vote.
- 4.5** Students Council: Only students who have attended the ISWB for a minimum of one full school year will be eligible for nomination.

**5 Who can vote?**

All members in the student category of the IGCSE classes (years 8,9 and 10) are eligible to vote in this election.

**6 How does voting work?**

These elections will be conducted by ballot. The ballot papers will, therefore, be available at the organising teachers. From this ballot, the 10 students with the most votes will be duly elected as Student Body for the following year. This will then be presented to the Principal for sanctioning, only at the end of this procedure will the names of the Student Council be published

**7 Election timetable**

The detailed timetable for these elections will be made public to students during the third Trimester.

**8 Head Boy and Head Girl**

- 8.1** Voting for Head Boy and Head Girl shall take place 2 weeks prior to the Annual Awards Ceremony.

- 8.2 Only students in IGCSE 1 (year 9 and 10) shall take part in the voting.
- 8.3 Voting shall be done by ballot.
- 8.4 To qualify for Head Boy/Girl, students are required to have a minimum of 2 year attendance at the ISWB.

## 9 Results of voting

The result of the voting, combined with the recommendation of **the Student Council Teachers and the sanction of the Principal shall determine the election of the Head Boy and Head Girl.**

Results will be final and not negotiable.

Presiding teachers: Ms A Gibson  
Ms L Le Roux