

# Frequently Asked Questions

## The House Competition

### **1. What is the House Competition?**

The House competition is based on all students being placed in a house (or faction) with each competing throughout the year to be the champion house for the year. Points are accumulated throughout the year through various sporting events and the gaining of house points for endeavour, behaviour and effort in class and in the playground during the school day.

### **2. How are students selected for each House?**

As students enrolled they are placed in a house according to numbers per house. Membership for each house should be as even as possible in each year level. Family members are all placed in the same house.

### **3. Can my child change House?**

No. Students must stay in their same house otherwise we would have several problems related to number of students per house.

### **4. What are the Houses and should I purchase a House shirt?**

The four houses are Clarence (red), Breaksea (blue), Michaelmas (green) and Melville (purple). We encourage all students to purchase a house shirt as they should wear it during competition and are able to wear it during the week as part of the uniform.

### **5. What sort of events do the houses compete in?**

All houses compete in sporting events (athletics, swimming, cross country, tennis etc) and special competitions like the spelling for years 4 to 6. During the week students from the houses can receive house points from teachers in recognition of their efforts. Each teacher is asked to give out house points as the day unfolds.

### **6. Who manages the Houses?**

The Houses are managed by an administrator and house teachers who aim to ensure that all students get enough opportunity to participate in events. Each house also has year 6 house captains elected by their peers who assist the teachers and administrator in charge.

### **7. When and how do we find out information about the House competition?**

Information about results is broadcast at assemblies and through the newsletter. We have champion house for the fortnight, term and the year. The House captains assist the co-ordinating administrator to provide this information.