

DCIS
Student Council
Manifesto
2019-2020

The Dover Court International School Secondary Student Council is a group of students from years 7 to 13 who want to be involved in the planning and execution of student initiatives. Split into four different committees, the Student Council will have its members engaged in the Service, Events, Environmental and Student Well Being & Communications committees of our school.

We want to be a communication channel between all Secondary years and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), allowing a better diffusion of information both from students to the SLT and vice versa. We want our goal to be about bringing student ideas to life (if possible) and engaging as many students as we can with these ideas. Our representatives are to seek out new ideas and pass it through all leadership stages to get approval and have it launched. The committees involved would execute the project, and then the rewards would be shared with the school.

Events & Co-Curricular

Head of Committee: Mehr Thukral

Synopsis

As the Events and Co-curriculars committee we have the duty of creating and organizing multiple events to engage the student body. These can range from producing extra co-curriculars and leisure activities for the students to organising academic events.

Main Goals

- One of our main goals is to use these small opportunities we are given as a group to improve the integration (within the secondary, within the different races and involve the secondary and primary schools) in our school, hand-in-hand with the Communications and Well-being committee.
- Additionally, as we progress through the secondary school, students become less involved in the extra curriculums and we would like to change this and propose activities they'd be wanting to willingly participate in.
- Arrange more inter-house activities to create a stronger bond within the house. This will allow a better relationship within the house, creating a more positive platform for achievements. This relationship will allow them to take pride in each others achievements, as at the end of the day it's the achievement of their house.

Year Goals

- Organise the events based around today's youth such as possible
- As a committee we strive to raise aware of the Sustainable Development Goals and other world wide issues through the events and activities we hold.
- We would like to focus on getting more events that are based on academic progress. This would allow us to use an academic platform in a more engaging manner which would most probably allow us to attract more students into participating.
- Through our various events we aim to create a better relationship amongst students in different years throughout secondary.

Projects

- TEDxDCIS - To happen in the Black Box Theatre on February 27th between 7-8pm
- Christmas event
- Inter house events
 - Spelling Bee
 - Dr. Frost Live
- YOUth festival
 - Assembly on children's rights
 - Platform for talent showcasing
- Animal awareness day

Student Well-Being & Communications

Head of Committee: Shravana Karthikeyan

Synopsis

Student Well-Being & Communications aims to cultivate interdependence between students and create a support system for every student, making them have a sense of belonging in school and feel joyful in the school environment. This will be done through inter-house and inter-level bonding. We also aim to take into account the student body's feedback and use their suggestions to make school life better for everyone. For this, we have planned projects such as inter-house lunches, encouragement notes written between older and younger years and student feedback box at the red dot.

Main Goals

- Enable students to have a comfortable school environment where they can learn with a positive spirit
- Encourage students to look out for and support one another
- Obtain student feedback on their view on school life and improvements to be made to make the school experience the best possible one for everyone

Year Goals

- Inter-house lunches
- Encouragement notes from leaving years to incoming years
- Spirit Week
- Student Feedback box at Red Dot
- Birthday boxes

Service

Head of Committee: Arnav Chandra

Synopsis

As the Service Committee of DCIS we wish to promote, encourage and initiate service-learning activities throughout the school and beyond. A helping nature is something that should be nurtured from a young age and should continue on to adulthood. We will actively interact with each year group for their ideas and suggestions. This will help them start thinking about service work themselves as well as help us improve. As a committee, we hope we are able to create a difference in the school community.

Main Goals

- Implement a culture of giving back to the community.
- Educate students on the importance of service work and what impact our actions can have on our surroundings.
- Encourage students to start volunteering independently.

Year Goals

- Conduct talks by inviting guest speakers working in Social Work and Service sector
- Donation Drives - We would like to set up these as annual projects to be done every year. We would also like a permanent arrangements with specific organisations.
 - Clothes
 - Books
 - Stationery
- Collaborate with Victus Catering and the Environmental Committee to manage food waste production throughout the school
- Organise a beach cleanup with parents, as this will provide an opportunity for students and families to participate more directly in service work
- Organise annual Labour Day Thank You Cards distribution for the service providing staff at DCIS (Victus employees, Teaching assistants, Gardeners, Security personnel, Cleaning staff, etc.)

Environmental

Head of Committee: Sathvika Kalidindi

Synopsis

As the Environmental Committee we aim to bring the entire school community together to develop a sustainable environment. This sustainability should be an ongoing focus at DCIS, and the environmental committee should be able to inspire all students to be green and lead a healthy lifestyle to make a small but meaningful impact in everyone's lives. To achieve this goal, the committee wants to constantly engage with the school community and raise awareness on the importance of sustainability as well as how we as a school can impact the environment. We hope we can make positive and long-term changes to our community.

Main Goals

- As a committee we hope to raise awareness within our school community about the importance of the environment and promote ways to be more environmentally friendly.
- Contribute to the environment in an eco-friendly way
- Make use of the E-waste bins
- Convert food waste to compost

Year Goals

- DCIS Garden regeneration programme (project).
- Green Day during Science Week where students will be asked to dress green and think of ways to improve sustainability in their lives, this can be done with activities in form time (project).
- Collaborate with Victus for Compost & E-waste Bin project; Service for Beach clean-up
- Get the younger students involved, as much as possible, starting with primary to lower secondary students to educate them early on of the actions that can be taken to improve the environment around them.