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What is a Prefect?

A high administrative official or chief officer, as:

- Any of several high military or civil officials in ancient Rome.
- The chief of police of Paris, France.
- A chief administrative official of a department of France.
- The administrator in charge of discipline at a Jesuit school.
- **A student monitor or officer, especially in a private school.**

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What is the role of a Rotary Residential College Prefect?

To assist staff with the monitoring of other students' behaviour and ensure that the College rules are upheld.

- This could include ensuring that: the dorm is quiet during study times; students behave in the dining room; the dress code is maintained; swearing is monitored; students don't throw rubbish on the ground, etc.
- Take a leadership role during a fire or fire drill.
- Take a leadership role in the Dorm Meeting and rostered duties within their dorm.

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Mentoring Students.

- This could include talking to and comforting students who are suffering from home-sickness. Some students may need help on how to do their duties and you may be asked (and you should be available) to explain what is expected of them.
- You can also be a student advocate. You may be asked to assist staff if there is a student–student or student–staff conflict. You could also talk with other students and help them negotiate extra duties that staff will have to give them.

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Student Advocate

- Sometimes the student body will petition the staff to change a rule or review something that we do or don't do. You can play a part by being the official student body representative.
- You can suggest and help organise staff events such as parties, movie nights, or whatever.
- You can come up with ideas for fundraising, and what you would like to see done with the money!

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What is the role of a Rotary Residential College Prefect?

Prefects do not....

- Boss other students around. You do not have a licence to bully others. Be careful what you say and how you say it. You are there to support staff and students. This can be a difficult task to keep balanced. You should seek specific advice from staff regarding what you should do.
- sulk or whinge when they have to do their duties. Prefect do their jobs and do them well.
- contribute negatively when there are discussions about other students, staff, or the College. If there is conflict we discuss the issues. Expose conflicts openly, discuss them, and get them resolved. Many conflicts are the result of misunderstandings or failure to see the 'big picture'.