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It is an honour to be with you on this important occasion and I'd like to congratulate all the 2013 Student Leaders on being chosen for these important roles.

One of the most important things about being a leader is that you set an example other people can follow. A leader needs to show other people by their good actions, not just their words, that they should follow their leadership.

Other students and teachers won't respect you as a student leader if you tell other people to obey the rules but then they see you on the oval or in the classroom breaking those rules.

You've probably heard the saying "actions speak louder than words", and that's very true for leaders. You need to lead with both good words and good actions.

There's a word for that – it's the word integrity.

Integrity is making sure that you are always setting a good example. Integrity is making sure other students can always look up to you as a good leader. Integrity is making sure you are doing the right thing, even when no one else is watching you.

Although I'm addressing these words mostly to the students who are your student leaders today, this is still important for every one of you. If you want teachers to treat you with respect, if you want students in other classes to show you respect, then you need to be a person of integrity – someone whose actions always show that you're a person who deserves respect from others.

If you want to be a leader, it's important that you make this one of your goals, otherwise no one will want to follow you.

So again, to the student leaders for 2013, congratulations. I hope you have an enjoyable year as you represent your school and undertake your duties as student leaders.

But if you want to make sure you're a good leader for the whole year and that other students and staff respect you as a leader, then make sure your actions always match your words and that you're a leader who displays integrity.

I look forward to seeing each of you in action as you become better leaders in your school in 2013.