



DON BOSCO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Nerul, Navi Mumbai

Rising to Lead: The Investiture Ceremony 2025

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The Investiture Ceremony of the School Council Members of Don Bosco Senior Secondary School-Nerul was held on 3rd July for the Preparatory and Secondary Stages and on 4th July for the Middle School in the Ground Floor Assembly Hall, commemorating the Feast of St. Dominic Savio, the child saint known for his piety and leadership.

The newly elected School Council Members—including the Head Boy, Head Girl, their Deputies, Sports Captains, and House Captains—were formally invested in the presence of the school managing body, students, teachers, and proud parents.

In a heart-warming gesture, parents pinned badges and helped with sashes, while the school management presented letters of appointment and house flags. The council members solemnly took the Oath of Office, pledging to lead with dedication and integrity.

The Rector Fr. Dr. Barnabe D'Souza provided leadership insights of how challenges in life keep us active, focused, and motivated, and the need of resilience and adaptability in everyone's life through a story. The Vice Principal and Administrator, Fr. Shekar Mariadas, spoke about how too much ease can lead to complacency, emphasizing the importance of purposeful struggle. Fr. Allwyn Misquitta, the Catechist, infused the gathering with a spirit of hope and reflection through his positive affirmations. The Principal spoke eloquently about the hallmarks of true leadership and encouraged the student leaders to lead with heart and integrity.

For teachers, it was a moment of joy to witness their students step confidently into leadership roles. The proud smiles of parents reflected their trust in the school's vision and their children's potential. For some elder siblings of the newly elected council members, the day was steeped in nostalgia bringing back fond memories of their own time at the institution. One parent shared, "This role has truly transformed our child—instilling confidence, purpose, and responsibility."

The entire school community came together in harmony, with the Scouts and Guides, Art Team, Media Team, and Investiture Committee working seamlessly

to make the event a resounding success. The event, which began with the school council elections, was brought to life by the efforts of Tr. Neeru Nigam (Teacher-in-Charge), supported by Tr. Vinaya Valsan (Preparatory Section), Tr. Kanchan Kakade (Middle School), and Tr. Debjani Bhattacharya (Secondary Section).

It was a proud and promising new beginning for the student leaders of Don Bosco.









