The following knowledge and skills should be taught in any program that focuses on Leadership:

**Characteristics of a good leader**

**Effective Communicator**
Talks clearly & calmly and listens to the ideas and opinion of others.

**Responsible**
Organised, manages time well and is dependable. Will be accountable for results.

**Self Confident**
Is proud of achievements, knows their own strengths and weaknesses, learns from mistakes, has courage to take control, willing to take risks.

**Decisive**
Understands how to set goals, how good decisions are made, how to solve problems. Will make a decision.

**Resourceful**
Uses the skills and knowledge of the team; encourages initiative and innovation; includes all group members.

The great leaders in our history were exceptional people who displayed these characteristics to an extremely high level. By improving our ability in some or all of these areas we realise our potential to be an effective group member and increase our leadership capabilities.