

# Student Achievement Awards Policy



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College

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## Policy

At St Columba College we have high expectations for learning, relationships, behaviour and for students contributing positively to the community. We want to provide an environment for our students where they can aim high to achieve educational and personal success. The Student Achievement Awards recognise the achievements in the following areas:

- Academic Excellence
- High Achievement
- Academic Endeavour
- Caritas

## Academic Awards

The Academic Awards recognise students who consistently demonstrate outstanding levels of academic achievement in individual subjects and across their year of study.

### Senior School

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**Selection Process:** Awarded to the student who obtains the highest Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

**Nature of the Award:** Gold medal and Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Academic Assembly in Term 1 of the following year

#### Stage 2 Outstanding ATAR

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 and above

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Academic Assembly in Term 1 of the following year

#### Stage 2 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 3 x A grades as calculated by SACE results or Registered Training Organisation (RTO)

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

#### Stage 2 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

#### Stage 1 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 4 x A grades as calculated by SACE results or Registered Training Organisation (RTO)

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Term 1 of the following year for Semester Two results

#### Stage 1 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Term 1 of the following year for Semester Two results

### Barbara Brown Scholarship Award

This scholarship is provided by the College and named in honour of its first Business Manager.

**Selection Process:** Awarded to the student who obtains the highest school-based assessment in Year 11, i.e., achievement in both Semesters and study of the PLP in Year 10

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate and tuition fees for Year 12

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

### Year 10 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 5 x 'A' grades

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Term 1 of the following year for Semester Two results

### Year 10 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Term 1 of the following year for Semester Two results

### Alan Hickinbotham Scholarship Award

This award is provided by the College and named in honour of the Andrews Farm land developer and avid supporter of the College.

**Selection Process:** Awarded to the student who obtains the highest school based assessment in Year 10, i.e., achievement in both Semesters

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate and tuition fees for Year 11 and 12

**Award Ceremony:** Senior School Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

## Middle School

### Year 9 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 6 x 'A' grades

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 9 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 8 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 7 x 'A' grades

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 8 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 7 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 7 x 'A' grades

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 7 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 6 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 6 x 'A' grades

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 6 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

## Junior School

### Year 3-5 Academic Excellence Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains a minimum of 6 x 'A' grades

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate.

**Award Ceremony:** Junior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Year 3-5 High Achievement Award

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who obtains an 'A' grade in any subject

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Junior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4 for Semester Two results

## Academic Endeavour Awards

We believe that an important part of acknowledging student achievement incorporates rewarding a student's positive attitude and commitment to their studies. Endeavour relates to a student's attitude and effort rather than focusing on an academic result. The qualifiers in how a student approaches learning and citizenship are used to determine those who are eligible for this award. The Academic Endeavour Award seeks to commend students who demonstrate unerring commitment to 'doing their best' in all aspects relating to their study.

### Junior School (Year 3–5)

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who demonstrates 'Excellent' Effort in a minimum of 6 subjects. Exceptions to these criteria are at the discretion of the Head of School.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Junior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Middle School (Year 6–9)

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who demonstrates 'Excellent' commitment to learning and citizenship across all subjects. This is calculated by a minimum of 6 'Excellent' qualifiers in each subject. Exceptions to these criteria are at the discretion of the Head of School.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4 for Semester Two results

### Senior School (Year 10–12)

**Selection Process:** Awarded to each student who demonstrates 'Excellent' commitment to learning and citizenship across all subjects. This is calculated by a minimum of 6 'Excellent' qualifiers in each subject. Exceptions to these criteria are at the discretion of the Head of School.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Middle and Senior School Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One results and Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4 for Semester Two results

## Caritas Awards

At St Columba College we strive to honour the mission of the school by recognising those students who endeavour to show 'Caritas' in the community. 'Caritas' is the living out of the message of the Gospel in all walks of life. The following criteria is followed when considering a student for a Caritas Award:

- Highly active involvement in the spiritual life of St Columba College, parish life and/or the wider community
- Active and compassionate involvement in service or leading others
- Demonstrating faith and hope in the face of adversity

### Junior School (Reception - Year 5)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination by a teacher this is awarded to each student that models and demonstrates one or more of the criteria

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

### Middle School (Year 6–9)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination by a teacher this is awarded to each student that models and demonstrates one or more of the criteria

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4

## Senior School (Year 10–12)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination by a teacher this is awarded to each student that models and demonstrates one or more of the criteria

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

## The Arts Award

The Arts Award recognizes and acknowledges the talent, effort and participation of students in the Visual Arts or Performing Arts Areas. It will be awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional talent and 'Excellent' Effort in an area of the Arts namely Drama, Dance, Music, Visual Arts or Design. Open to all Performing Arts (R-5), Visual Art, Visual Art - Design, Drama, Music or Musical students on each campus with any of the following criteria:

- Achieve at least a B in one or more of the Arts subject area
- Demonstrate a passion, dedication and natural talent in one or more of the Arts areas
- Demonstrate a commitment that goes above and beyond to the Arts subject (e.g. assists at lunchtimes, attend after school rehearsals for drama or the musical, be part of Choir or Columba Rumba, attend instrumental lessons)
- Exemplary talent in visual arts/design, singing, playing music instruments, dancing and acting as well as potential in creating music/dance
- Demonstrate outstanding collaborative skills in group performance
- Show bravery and take risks with their learning and talent

## Junior School (Year 3 – 5)

**Selection Process:** The Arts Staff nominate students who fit the criteria and state the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

## Middle School (Year 6 – 9)

**Selection Process:** The Arts Staff nominate students who fit the criteria and state the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

## Senior School (Year 10 – 12)

**Selection Process:** The Arts Staff nominate students who fit the criteria and state the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

## Global Citizenship Award

The Global Citizenship Award is awarded to a student who shows continuous Excellent effort and commitment to doing their best in all lessons/ aspects of Indonesian and/or Language Learning. Open to all students learning a Language on each campus with any of the following criteria:

- Demonstrate exceptional progress or outstanding improvement in Language Learning, including written work
- Display a positive attitude to their learning with strong endeavour and commitment

- Contribute to language development or intercultural activities in their school through the development of games, presentations or activities for fellow students and/or staff
- Demonstrate advocacy for a multicultural Australia through either:
  - Demonstrate a willingness to share intercultural knowledge
  - Demonstrate an understanding of the value of multilingualism
  - Knowledge of Australian careers where bilingualism is a benefit.
- Evidence of participation or investigation of at least one of the following:
  - Cultural events
  - Current Affairs
  - Arts & Culture
  - Study Group/Penpals

### Junior School (Year 3 – 5)

**Selection process:** Languages Staff nominate students who fit the criteria and state the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Presentation of the Award:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

### Middle School (Year 6 – 9)

**Selection process:** Languages Staff nominate students who fit the criteria and state the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Presentation of the Award:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

### Senior School (Year 10 – 12)

**Selection process:** Languages Staff nominate students who fit the criteria and state the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Presentation of the Award:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

## Sports Award

The Sports Award recognises a student who is considered an exemplary sports ambassador of the College. Whilst the depth and variety of sports participated is considered, the main focus is on the level of achievement. In judging the level of achievement, the state, national or representative level is considered. Open to all students involved in sports on each campus with any of the following criteria:

- Achievement at national, state, or representative level
- Represent the school in carnivals, knockout sport or Northern Zone carnivals without necessarily being a champion
- Display honesty, truthfulness and integrity, both on and off the court/field
- Self-control and exemplary demeanour on the court/field is demonstrated at all times
- A positive manner in which opponents are treated on the court/field is demonstrated at all times
- Play to the best of their ability at all times
- Respectful to all umpires, officials, spectators and the opposition

### Junior School (Year 3 – 5)

**Selection process:** Physical Education Staff nominate students who fits the criteria and states the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

### Middle School (Year 6 – 9)

**Selection process:** Physical Education Staff nominate students who fits the criteria and states the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

### Senior School (Year 10 – 12)

**Selection process:** Physical Education Staff nominate students who fits the criteria and states the reasons why they are nominated. The Principal decides on the Award winner.

**Nature of the Award:** Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Academic Assembly in Term 3 for Semester One. and Prayer and Presentation in Term 4 for Semester Two.

## Mary Woznitza Award

The Mary Woznitza Medal is presented to a student in each school who has shown exceptional growth in his/her learning, have overcome challenges and have exceeded their individual education goals for learning, social and life skills.

### Junior School (Year 3 – 5)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination to the Principal by the Coordinator of Inclusive Education Reception – Year 5.

**Nature of the Award:** Medal and Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

### Middle School (Year 6 – 9)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination to the Principal by the Coordinator of Inclusive Education Year 6-12.

**Nature of the Award:** Medal and Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4

### Senior School (Year 10 – 12)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination to the Principal by the Coordinator of Inclusive Education Year 6-12.

**Nature of the Award:** Medal and Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

## St Columba College Medal

The St Columba College Medal is a Principal's Award presented to a male and female student in each school who demonstrates achievements in study, commitment to learning and participation and service to the community.

### Junior School (Year 3 – 5)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination to the Principal by the Head of School.

**Nature of the Award:** Medal and Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4

### Middle School (Year 6 – 9)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination to the Principal by the Head of School.

**Nature of the Award:** Medal and Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Assembly in Term 4

### Senior School (Year 10 – 12)

**Selection Process:** Through a nomination to the Principal by the Head of School.

**Nature of the Award:** Medal and Certificate

**Award Ceremony:** Prayer and Presentation Evening in Term 4