Student Achievement Awards Policy

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Acknowledgement of Country

St Columba College Munno Para Inc. acknowledges the first custodians of Australia - First Nations Peoples - and we pay our respects to elders, past, present and future.

Work, Health and Safety Acknowledgement

St Columba College is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of all who are involved in the College Community. There is a distinct alignment between Work Health and Safety (WHS) principles and the Anglican and Catholic values we espouse. An "ethic of care" for self and for each other's safety and wellbeing underpins the goals of WHS. St Columba College is committed to the development and maintenance of a best practice WHS culture and endeavours to assist all personnel to implement its legal and policy responsibilities as crucial features of safe and vibrant school communities.

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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: Silver medal and 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

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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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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.

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

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

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