

College Awards Policy

Preamble

Swan Christian College seeks to create an engaging environment where students are encouraged to give their best to all the learning and growth experiences offered and devote themselves to service. To this end, students will be recognised for their contributions through an Awards system that will publicly acknowledge their involvement and achievements and be recorded within the College archives.

“Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-coloured tapestry of God’s grace.” Peter 4:10

Scope

The College Awards system will be enacted across a broad range of activities offered through the areas of Academics, Arts, Sport, House and Service. The Awards system outlined in this policy will cover Years 7 through to 12 at Swan Christian College.

Policy

Awards recognising achievement and service will include the categories of Stars, Colours and Honours.

College Stars – Awarded to Year 8 and 9 Students

Students in Years 7 and 8 are eligible to receive two types of stars: gold stars and silver stars. A student will be eligible to win stars for both Year 7 and Year 8, ie. Up to four stars over the two years. Please note that these stars will not be awarded until early the following calendar year.

Gold star (Academics).

Silver star (House participation)
A certificate as well as a star will be awarded.

Nominated by the Director of Academic Studies and the House Coordinators approved by the relevant Dean of Year, for students making outstanding contribution to their academics or House. The criteria for these awards will be based on the Colours criteria and at the discretion of the Director of Academic Studies and the House Coordinators.

Criteria – Academics

Year 7 and 8 results:

Students need to meet three criteria in a year to receive a Gold Star:

- A-grades in all MESH courses
- A-grades in either 2 x semester-long courses or 1 x year-long course
- No D or E-grades

Criteria – House

House Coordinators will determine, at their discretion and based on the availability of events to access, if a student (in Year 7 or 8) is eligible to receive a silver star. However, if a student has accumulated a total of 10 points across Years 7 and/or 8 based around the criteria tabled in the section: House Colours, they will receive the award in the following calendar year.

College Colours – Year 10 to Year 12 students

College Colours are awards which recognise the outstanding achievement of students within a discipline. A certificate, lapel badge and an emblem (to be embroidered onto the blazer pocket) will be awarded. The cost of embroidery will be charged to the parents/guardians of the recipient. The College has five categories in which Colours may be awarded:

- Academics
- Arts
- Sport
- House
- Service

Criteria - Academic Colours

To be nominated for Academic Colours, you must be in Year 10 to 12 and have achieved the following criteria over the course of two school years (Year 8-12 data applies):

Year 9 and 10 results:

Students need to meet criteria below to receive Academic Colours:

- A-grades in at least 3 x MESH courses in a single year for two years (based on WA Curriculum grades)
- 2 x other A-grades
- No D or E-grades

Year 11 and 12 results:

Students need to meet criteria below to receive Academic Colours:

- 6 courses - 4 x A-grades per year over two years
- 5 courses - 4 x A-grades
- 4 courses - 3 x A-grades and 1 x B grade
- 3 Courses – A-grades in all courses
- OR any student who averages 75% across 4 or more ATAR courses
- No D or E-grades

In Year 11 and 12, students may also be considered for Colours as a result of their long service to Academics based on attitude and effort to their studies at the College and involvement in co-curricular extension programs.

Criteria - Arts Colours

Nominations for Arts Colours will be made by the Head of Technology & Enterprise, Visual Art and Media, Head of Performing Arts and Head of Instrumental Music. To be nominated for Arts Colours, students must be in Year 10 to 12 and have achieved the following criteria over the course of two school years (Year 8-12 data applies):

- A significant role in at least 2 x out-of-class productions – approximately 50 hours each.
- A significant role in 1 x out-of-class production, and involvement in 1 x musical group (choir or band) for two years, or 2 x dance night performances, or significant contribution to 1 x disciplines within the creative arts.
- Involvement in 1 x choir and 1 x performing band [e.g. jazz band or worship band]] for at least two years.
- A significant contribution to 2 x disciplines within the creative arts [e.g. visual arts, media, textiles].

In Year 11 and 12, students may also be considered for Colours due to their long service to the Arts at the College.

Criteria - Sports Colours

Nominations for Sports Colours will be made by the Dean of Sport in conjunction with the Head of Health and Physical Education. To be nominated for Sports Colours, students must be in Year 10 to 12 and have achieved the following criteria over the course of two school years (Year 10-12 data applies):

- Having been selected to represent the College in at least two sports and having attained an excellent level of proficiency in at least one sporting activity.
- Willingly provided assistance to the activity leader and to peers and demonstrated commendable leadership skills or portrayed a positive role model.

In Year 11 and 12, students may also be considered for Colours due to their long service to sports at the College.

Criteria - House Colours

Nominations for House Colours will be made by the House Coordinators. To be nominated for House Colours, students must be in Year 10 to 12 and have achieved the following criteria over the course of two school years (Year 9-12 data applies):

- Achieved 30 House points for participation in House events, see table below (affirmation points are not included here).

1	Swimming Carnival	<i>Students who achieve Champion and Runner-Up Awards receive 2 House points. Students who participate in five or more events should receive 2 House points. All other participants should receive 1 House Point.</i>
2	Athletics Carnival	<i>Students who achieve Champion and Runner-Up Awards receive 2 House points. Students who participate in five or more events should receive 2 House points. All other participants should receive 1 House Point.</i>
3	Cross-Country Carnival	<i>Students who finish in the top five receive 2 House points. All other participants receive 1 House point.</i>
4	Term 1 Interhouse Sport	<i>1 House point for participation. 2 House points for outstanding* participation and/or leadership (this is at the House Co-ordinators discretion).</i>
5	Term 2 Interhouse Sport	<i>1 House point for participation. 2 House points for outstanding* participation and/or leadership (this is at the House Co-ordinators discretion).</i>
6	Term 3 Interhouse Sport	<i>1 House point for participation. 2 House points for outstanding* participation and/or leadership (this is at the House Co-ordinators discretion).</i>
7	Term 4 Interhouse Sport	<i>1 House point for participation. 2 House points for outstanding* participation and/or leadership (this is at the House Co-ordinators discretion).</i>
8	Performing Arts	<i>Students who take on a leadership role receive 2 House points. All other participants receive 1 House point.</i>
9	Creative/Fine Arts	<i>1 House point for all voluntary participants.</i>
10	Chess	<i>The winner or each year group should receive 2 House points. All other participants should receive 1 House point.</i>

**Outstanding – Participation in 3+ rounds of sport*

In Year 11 and 12, students may also be considered for Colours due to their long service to their House at the College.

Criteria - Service Colours

Nominations for Service Colours will be made by the Community Service Coordinator, College Chaplains and Deans of Year. To be nominated for Service Colours, students must be in Year 10 to 12 and have achieved the following criteria over the course of two school years (Year 8-12 data applies):

Year 9-10:

Ongoing participation and servant-hearted leadership in 2 x College co-curricular groups, including but not limited to - Super Soupers, Justice League, Christian Union, Cadets, Lego Club, A/V Club, and the Dungeons & Dragons Club.

Year 11 and 12:

Students in Year 11 and 12 complete a Service-Learning booklet, where they can log their community service hours. Students should aim to attain 100+ hours of community service in Year 11 or 12 if they want to be recognised.

In Year 11 and 12, students may also be considered for Colours due to their long service to Service-Learning at the College.

College Honours – Year 11 and 12 Students only

College Honours are awards that recognise the depth and breadth of achievement of College students. College Honours may only be awarded to students in Year 11 and Year 12 who have received College Colours in three or more categories. A certificate and lapel badge will be awarded as well as an Honours emblem (to be embroidered onto the blazer pocket). The cost of embroidery will be charged to the parents/guardians of the recipient.

Procedure

College Stars

Term 1: In the middle of Term 1, at the Administration Assistants' prompting, the Director of Academic Studies and the House Coordinators will forward a shortlist of names (of outstanding Year 8s and 9s based on the data from the previous school year). The relevant Deans of Year will approve these names based on TASS records, which document the students' willingness to uphold College policies, and then forward these names to the Head of Wellbeing and the Administration Assistant for processing and official College contact to parents. At the start of Term 2, the stars and certificates will be awarded at an Awards assembly for Year 7 to Year 9.

College Colours & Honours

All College Colours categories

Term 1: At the prompting of the Administration Assistant, the respective nominating bodies will send through the names of students in Years 9 to 12 who have met the criteria for Colours in their category (using data from the previous 2 x calendar years) to the Deans of Year 9 to 12 and the Head of Wellbeing.

The Deans of Year 9 to 12 and the Director of Wellbeing will create a shortlist of all the forwarded student names for College Colours after they have checked TASS records to ensure that nominated students are role models within the school regarding college policies (behaviour, uniform, assessments etc.).

If students are not meeting the benchmark for being a role model within the College community in the opinion of their Dean of Year and Director of Wellbeing, a conversation will be had with the specific student to address the issue and a period of time will be allowed for the student to demonstrate that they are a role model in the College community. The awarded Colour will be held over until such a time that the Dean of Year and Director of Wellbeing are satisfied that the conditions for receiving the award are being met.

Names of approved nominees go to the Administration Assistant, to officially invite parents to assembly.

Term 2: Colours and certificates will be awarded at a designated Year 10 to Year 12 assembly.

Term 3 & 4: Data continues to be collected for the next year's awards.

Upon being awarded College Colours students will receive:

1. An official letter of recognition of their award on College letterhead. This will be presented at the College assembly.

2. A lapel badge that students are encouraged to wear on their uniform.
3. The letter of recognition has information about blazer embroidery, as the student may choose to have their award sewn onto their blazer for a small cost.

College Honours

Term 1: Students in Year 11 or 12 who have received a total of three or more College Colours will be automatically nominated for College Honours. This data is kept and checked by the Administration Assistant via TASS, who will forward names to the Year 11 Dean of Year and Year 12 Dean of Year for approval.

Term 2: Honours and certificates will be awarded at a designated Senior School assembly.

Term 3 & 4: Data continues to be collected for the next year's awards.

Upon being awarded College Honours students will receive:

1. An official letter of recognition of their award on College letterhead. This will be presented at the College assembly.
2. A lapel badge that students are encouraged to wear on their uniform.
3. The letter of recognition has information about blazer embroidery, as the student may choose to have their award sewn onto their blazer for a small cost.

Honour Roll

Students achieving colours across all 5 areas – Academic, Sports, Arts, House and Service, will have their name placed on an Honour Board that will be displayed in the Performing arts foyer and Honour Roll students will be publicly recognised at the leaving assembly for Year 12s and receive a certificate.

Administration

The Colour system will be managed by Staff Services. This team will manage the administrative duties associated with the awards. These include:

- Manage and monitor the database informing the relevant leaders of who is worthy of a colour or star
- Update TASS database of the award relevant to the individual student using the SIP
- Develop relevant letter proformas
- Ordering of badges, providing notification of award winners and category to embroidery service provider on official Swan letterhead.
- Printing certificates for all award winners.
- Contact the families/guardians making them aware that their child is receiving the award, the details of the acceptance assembly, the details of where to get their star badge or their colour stitching.
- Add the presentation of Colours to the relevant assembly agenda (Term 2), informing the relevant presenters, families, and students.

Grievance and Disputes over Awards

Should it arise that students who have met the criteria for an award but not received recognition for their achievement or service, they, or a parent or guardian can contact the Dean of Year associated with their Year group and request their claim to be reviewed.

The Dean of Year will liaise with the relevant nominator from the respective area to determine if the student has a claim for an award. Should the students claim be correct, then the student will be eligible to receive their award immediately – star, badge and emblem, and they will be awarded their certificate at the next College Assembly (as the College Awards Assembly only occurs once a year).

Should a student's claim be found to be incorrect, the Dean of Year will provide the student with the reason at the first available opportunity.

Psalm 90:17

“Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands;
Yes, confirm the work of our hands.”