



## SCHOOL AWARDS PROGRAM AGREED PRACTICE

At St John the Apostle, awards are presented several times throughout the year. The Award usually takes the form of a Certificate. The various awards include:

### Merits and Principal's Awards

Staff may present a deserving student with a Merit Slip. These are usually presented for positive behaviours in stars by the teacher who awards the merit slips. A record will be kept in stars by the teacher the awarded the merit slip, teachers may also create a chart in the classroom enabling students to track the number of Merit Slips received.

A Principal's Award will be presented to children when they have received 5 Merit Slips. These awards will be presented at the end of term awards ceremony. The Principal is sent an email notification from stars when a child receives five merit slips. The class teacher must inform the Principal that a student in their class has received 5 Merit Slips.

### Weekly Awards

Awards are presented to the students nominated by the Class or Specialist Teachers at each Friday morning school assembly. Each class will present two awards; one for reasons specified by the teacher and one based on the school values program. Students to receive awards will have their names listed in the newsletter of that week.

### End of Term Awards

The following awards are presented at the conclusion of each term at the final whole-school assembly:

- Disciple Award (2 per class)
- Consistent Effort (2 per class)
- Academic Achievement (2 per class)

### End of Year Awards (Year 6)

At the conclusion of the school year, there are a number of awards presented to Year 6 students. These are in addition to the Term Four awards as outlined above. The awards for Year Six are presented at the Graduation.

In addition to the above, each student with an identified leadership role (e.g. House Captain) will receive a certificate to acknowledge their leadership for the year.

In addition to the above, each student receives a certificate to certify that he/she has completed their Primary Education.

Other awards presented on this evening are:

- The St John's Discipleship Award
- The Award for Christian Leadership
- Academic Awards (possibly one for each Curriculum Area)

- The St John's Outstanding Effort Award

The criteria for these awards are following.

### **St John's Discipleship Award**

The St John's Discipleship Award may be awarded at the end of every school year to a Year 6 student. It is normally presented at the Year 6 Graduation. The following criteria are normally used when selecting the Discipleship Award.

The recipient will be:

- a student who shows Christian witness through example and by commitment to their Catholic faith
- a diligent and conscientious student
- reverent at class prayer and in Religious Education classes
- respectful towards and obedient to teachers and obey school rules
- kind and considerate towards their peers and other students
- willing to assist cheerfully in extra tasks when asked
- a good supporter of St John's and be willing to take an active part in school sponsored activities
- a trustworthy, responsible and honest person
- a well-mannered person

The process for deciding this Award is as follows:

1. Week 7 Term 3 Staff begin thinking about those students who may be eligible
2. Week 2 Term 4 Year 6 teachers nominate up to two students from their class. Other staff may nominate two students if they wish.
3. Nominations go to the Executive to decide with the Principal overseeing the decision.

### **The Award for Christian Leadership**

The Award for Leadership may be awarded at the end of every school year to a maximum of two Year 6 students. It is normally presented at the Year 6 Graduation.

The following criteria are normally used when selecting the St John the Apostle Christian Leader of the Year.

Does he/she:

- display manners and show respect to others?
- obey class and school rules?
- have a positive attitude towards school?
- show leadership potential?
- show leadership through example?
- willingly volunteer for extra duties?
- try to do their best on most occasions?

Is he/she:

- co-operative both in and out of the classroom?
- responsible?
- respected by staff?
- trustworthy?

The process for deciding this Award is as follows:

1. Week 7 Term 3 Staff begin thinking about those students who may be eligible
2. Week 2 Term 4 Year 6 teachers nominate up to two students from their class. Other staff may nominate two students if they wish.
3. Nominations go to the Executive to decide with the Principal overseeing the decision.

**Academic Excellence Awards for Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, The Arts, PD/H/PE** may be awarded at the end of each school year to a Year 6 student for each area. They will normally be presented at the Year 6 Graduation. These awards will only be presented if a student has achieved to a very high standard in the given area.

Students to be considered for the St John the Apostle Academic Awards should:

- be diligent and conscientious in their studies and be keen in making progress in their studies
- achieve very high scores in external academic competitions and in class tests especially in English and Mathematics
- be diligent in the completion of class assignments
- be regular in attendance at school and be willing to take part in a co-curricular activity of the academic type, eg Tournament of Minds, Chess or Choir
- be an active participant in class work
- be well-balanced and attentive in class

The process for deciding this Award is as follows:

1. Week 7 Term 3 Staff begin thinking about those students who may be eligible
2. Week 2 Term 4 Year 6 teachers nominate one student from their class.
3. Nominations go to the Executive to decide with the Principal overseeing the decision.

The **St John the Apostle Outstanding Effort Award** may be presented at the end of every school year to a maximum of two Year 6 students. It is normally presented at the Year 6 Graduation.

The following criteria are normally used when selecting the Missionary Award.

The recipient will:

- be diligent and conscientious and keen in making progress in their studies
- display a positive attitude towards learning
- be diligent in the completion of class assignments
- be regular in attendance at school and be willing to take part in a co-curricular activity of the academic type, eg Tournament of Minds, Chess or Choir
- be an active participant in class work
- be well-balanced and attentive in class
- show improvement in most areas of school throughout the year.

The process for deciding this Award is as follows:

1. Week 7 Term 3 Staff begin thinking about those students who may be eligible
2. Week 2 Term 4 Year 6 teachers nominate up to two students from their class. Other staff may nominate two students if they wish.
3. Nominations go to the Executive to decide with the Principal overseeing the decision.

## **Related Policies/Agreed Practice**

Assessment and Reporting

## **Review**

The St John the Apostle Agreed Practice is reviewed at least once each five years in line with current Registration practices. It may also be reviewed more often according to the need and educational trends.

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