

Awards / Student Recognition Policy

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GUIDING SCRIPTURE

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23-24).

PURPOSE

Awards are a celebration and recognition of the growth in the lives of the students and student achievement in a variety of areas. This policy outlines the criteria applicable for each type of award the school presents.

SCOPE

This policy extends to all awards the school presents to students throughout the year.

POLICY STATEMENT

St John's Lutheran School community is committed to providing quality education which endeavours to prepare children for the future, in a caring, supporting Christian environment. We value Faith, Friendship and Family while focussing on Relationships, Responsibility and Results. The school will recognise student achievement through the presentation of awards, which are a celebration and recognition of a student developing their God-given gifts and talents.

PROCEDURES

1. Core Values

The pillars for Lutheran education beliefs and values are articulated in [Lutheran Education Australia's Lifelong Qualities for Learners](#). As central to their mission and ministry, Lutheran schools seek to nurture individuals, who are aware of their humanity, open to the influence of the Holy Spirit, and growing in and living according to a cohesive worldview. Students are to live in community and reflect characteristics of God through the core values of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality and appreciation.

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Students are to contribute to communities by being:

- Self-directed, insightful investigators and learners
- Discerning, resourceful problem solvers and implementers
- Adept, creative producers and contributors
- Open, responsive communicators and facilitators
- Principled, resilient leaders and collaborators
- Caring, steadfast supporters and advocates.

St John's Lutheran School has adopted the 7C's as a guide for our school community to live by:

- **Christ** – We ask, “What would Jesus do?”
- **Co-operation** – We co-operate with others
- **Communication** – We communicate in socially acceptable ways
- **Courtesy** – We use good manners in all situations
- **Consideration** – We respect the feelings and property of others.
- **Care** – We care for ourselves, others and our world
- **Christian Leadership** – We serve, help and encourage others.

These values will form over-arching criteria on which to base decisions regarding awards. It is expected that students would be exemplary in the values and qualities that St John's Lutheran School aims for students.

2. Citizenship Awards

2.1 Junior and Senior Citizenship Awards

To be awarded to a Year 6 and Year 9 student who has demonstrated application and dedication in all aspects of school life.

To be nominated for this award, the student needs to show commitment to their work, demonstrate their support of their peers, and act as a role model to others throughout the year.

3. P and F Cultural Awards

3.1 Arts Awards

This award is designed to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of students in the Arts, which may include choir, instrumental or other areas as relevant.

The Arts Awards will be presented to a student/s who shows excellent participation, achievement and/or interest in the Arts, and demonstrates application of a range of skills and/or improvement and is a team player who demonstrates cooperation.

This award acknowledges the student who demonstrates an ongoing commitment to and involvement in a range of school performance activities, demonstrates an exemplary attitude and conduct which supports school values and the ability to demonstrate high levels of creativity and originality.

3.2 Sports Awards

Junior and Senior Sports Awards

These awards acknowledge the students who have achieved highly at our school carnivals and have represented our school at a South Burnett or regional level. Some students may also have represented Wide Bay and Queensland at their chosen sports.

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3.3 Service Award

Helen Folker Christian Living Award

Upon the retirement of Mrs Folker, the School Council decided to name an award in her honour for her Christian leadership and commitment to the school for over 30 years. The Helen Folker Christian Living Award is presented to a student from the secondary school who has served the school community diligently while at St John's, following the 7 C's.

3.4 Academic Awards

Junior Dux Award

This award is presented to a student in Year 6 who has consistently achieved high results throughout the year across all subjects.

Senior Dux Award

This award is presented to a senior student who has consistently achieved high results throughout the year across all subjects.

Academic Achievement Awards

The achievement awards have been calculated from results across all subject areas throughout the academic year. Students must achieve consistently high results in all subject areas to be eligible.

Encouragement Awards

Recognising a student in each year level who consistently shows effort, commitment, and a positive attitude to their schoolwork.

3.5 Other Awards

St John's Lutheran School Art Acquisition Award

This award is presented to a student whose artwork has been selected by the leadership team.

Deb Frecklington Achievement Award

This achievement award which recognises a student who works quietly in the background to serve others in our school and community.

Primary School – Other Awards

In primary school other awards may be included such as:

The Service Award - This award recognises a student who enriches the class community through their willingness to serve.

The Work Ethic Award - This award recognises a student who tries to achieve their personal best and has maintained a strong work ethic throughout the year.

The Christian Values Award - The award recognises a student who demonstrates Christian Values and embodies the 7 C's. This award also recognises a student who demonstrates care and consideration towards others. This student always respects differences and assist those in need.

Other Awards

At times, various organisations sponsor special awards, and these will be awarded according to the criteria as they are established.

Other general awards may be presented in the areas of academic, sport or the arts where students have excelled in an area. These may be presented throughout the year at designated assemblies.

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Communication of this Policy	The St John's Lutheran School <i>Awards/Student Recognition Policy</i> is available for staff to access on the school intranet.
Changes to Policy since last version:	<p>Section 3.1 renamed to Arts Awards (removal of Choir Award and Instrumental Awards and combined into Arts Awards).</p> <p>Section 3.6 Senior Dux Award – removal of Year 9 Student, replaced with Senior student</p> <p>Section 3.6 Other Awards – addition of Primary School – Other Awards</p>