



2021

COLLEGE AWARDS

at Holy Spirit College

Recognition of Student Achievement

Student achievement in the domains of Leadership, Academic Excellence, Spiritual Leadership, Community Involvement, Culture and Sport is recognised and celebrated through a number of avenues at Holy Spirit College.

Major awards for student achievement are distributed during the annual Speech Night and Presentation of Awards, Cultural Awards Showcase and the Sports Awards Evening. Student achievement is also celebrated at other College gatherings including Graduation Mass, whole College Assemblies, Year Level Assemblies and in Contact Groups

CURRICULUM AWARDS

(Presented at Speech Night and Presentation of Awards)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Subjects included in Academic Achievement Awards:

Year 7: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, History & Geography, Health & Physical Education.

Year 8: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, History & Geography, Health & Physical Education, Japanese, and elective subjects.

Year 9: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Health & Physical Education, and elective subjects.

Year 10: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, four Semester 1 electives, three Semester 2 electives (achievement to the end of Term 3).

Year 11: All subjects.

Year 12: All subjects.

Speech Night Awards

Academic Excellence Awards

For students in Years 7 – 10, these awards are based on the Semester 1 report plus Term 3 results. Year 12 Awards are based on completed Internal Assessment results by the end of Term 3. Year 11 Awards are based on Unit 1 and Unit 2 assessment completed by the end of Term 3. Academic Excellence awards are given to students who have received an A in at least half of their subjects and predominantly B's in the remainder. One C is allowed and any D's or E's will exclude a student from this award.

Year Level Dux

The Year Level Dux for Years 7 – 11 is awarded to the student who has achieved the most outstanding results across all subjects studied. The number of subject awards received by an individual student does not equate to the award of Dux.

Graduation Dux

The Graduation Dux is awarded to the student who has achieved the highest overall Internal Assessment results for the combination of the best five of their subjects that would qualify for the award of an ATAR. Confirmed Internal Assessment results are available to the College at the time of Graduation for determination of the awarding of the Graduation Dux.

Subject Awards

Subject awards are awarded to students who have gained the highest result in each subject. These awards are decided by the Curriculum Deans and their department staff and are based on the first three terms' work. Subject awards for Year 7 are not given for rotational subjects. Elective subject awards for Year 10 are given to students who have studied a subject as both a Semester 1 and Semester 2 elective.

Academic Assembly Awards

Academic Excellence

These Academic Excellence certificates are presented in early February and are based on Semester 2 of the previous year for students currently in Years 7 – 10 and on Unit 2 results for Year 11.

College Dux

The College Dux is awarded to the student who achieves the highest ATAR. ATAR results are confirmed by QTAC and shared with Holy Spirit College by students. Where students have not shared their ATAR and results indicate they may be eligible for this award, the school will ask students to tick the QTAC box to share with HSC. This will then share their ATAR with the College and the College Dux Awardee will be confirmed.

Congratulatory Letters

Congratulatory letters are based on the achievement levels students receive on end of semester reports for students in Years 7 – 10 & 12 and end of Unit reports for Year 11 (2020) where there is sufficient evidence to provide a result.

Academic Excellence

Letters are sent to parents of students who have received an A in at least half of their subjects and predominantly B's in the remainder. One C is allowed and any D's or E's will exclude a student from this award.

Academic Merit

Letters are sent to parents of students who have received an A in at least one of their subjects and predominantly B's in the remainder. One C is allowed and any D's or E's will exclude a student from this award.

STUDENTSHIP

Speech Night Awards

Outstanding Studentship Awards

These awards are based on Semester 1 and Term 3 application ratings for Years 7 – 10 & 12 Students and Unit 1 & Unit 2 for Year 11 Students to the end of Term 3. To be eligible, students must have received I's in the majority of their subjects. A maximum of two II's will be conceded. A rating of III usually excludes a student from receiving this award; a rating of IV or V will exclude a student. All subjects studied, including Year 7 rotation subjects, are used in the calculations.

Congratulatory Letters

Congratulatory letters are based on the application ratings students receive on end of semester reports for Years 7 – 10 & 12 and end of Unit reports for Year 11 (2020) where there is sufficient evidence to provide a result.

Outstanding Studentship

Letters are sent to parents of students who have received a I or II for application in every subject with a maximum of one II.

Conscientious Studentship

Letters are sent to parents of students who have received predominantly I's or II's for application, with a minimum of one I and a maximum of one III allowed. An application rating of IV or V will exclude a student from this award.

Academic Assembly Awards

Outstanding Studentship

These Outstanding Studentship certificates are presented in early February and are based on Semester 2 of the previous year for students currently in Years 7 – 10 and Unit 2 for Year 11.

SPORTS AWARDS

(Presented at Sports Awards Evening, Speech Night and Presentation of Awards)

SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

College Carnivals

Swimming and Athletics

Recognition for outstanding achievement is determined by a points table. The recipients receive a Gold Medal at the HSC Sports Awards Evening.

Age Champion Awards

Awarded to boys and girls in each of the age divisions for each carnival.

Netballer of the Year

This is awarded to a First VII player who is seen to represent the values and ethos of Holy Spirit College with distinction.

Benita Willis Emerging Star Award

This award is presented to an emerging Run Club athlete in Cross Country and Track events.

Rugby League Player of the Year

This is awarded to an Open League player who is seen to represent the values and ethos of Holy Spirit College with distinction.

Honour Awards for Trials

In recognition of outstanding achievement at a Representative school level, such as Mackay, Capricornia, Queensland or Australian level.

Best and Fairest, Most Valuable Player and Coaches Awards for Mackay & District Schools Competitions

These awards are given in recognition of players who have shown consistent commitment to the team and to training, and who have led by example.

College Sportsman & Sportswoman of the Year

These awards are presented at both Speech Night and Sports Awards Evening.

SPEECH NIGHT AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Junior & Senior Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year

The Junior Sportswoman and Junior Sportsman of the Year is awarded to a student who is 15 years and younger, based on the current calendar year. The Senior Sportswoman and Senior Sportsman of the Year is awarded to a student who is 16 years or older, based on the current calendar year.

Recognition of their outstanding achievement is based on the points total for representation and achievement as follows:

- Holy Spirit College Team Selection (2)
- Holy Spirit College Representative Team (4)
- Holy Spirit College Age Champion – Third (1)
- Holy Spirit College Age Champion – Runner Up (2)
- Holy Spirit College Age Champion (3)
- Mackay and District Selection (5)
- Capricornia Selection (10)
- Queensland School Shadow Selection (12)
- Queensland School Representative/Merit (15)
- Australian School Shadow Selection (18)
- Australian School Representative/Merit (20)

CULTURAL AWARDS

(Presented at Cultural Awards Showcase)

There are five tiers of awards. These are presented at the annual Cultural Awards Showcase which is held in Term 4. The award for the Most Promising Junior Arts Student and the award for Excellence in the Arts are also presented at the College Speech Night and Presentation of Awards. To be eligible for Cultural Awards, students must make a significant contribution to the cultural life of the College.

Cultural Ambassador Awards

Students who demonstrate outstanding participation in Cultural Events and/or multiple Cultural Groups may be eligible to become a Cultural Ambassador. Participation in events such as Optiminds, VariARTy, Cultural Production, Cultural Tour or Rock Pop Mime (among others) can be considered in the Cultural Ambassador awards.

Cultural Group Awards

Students can be recognised for the outstanding contribution to their Cultural Group with a Cultural Group Award. These awards can take many different forms, for example 'Most Consistent', 'Outstanding Effort' or 'Most Improved'. The award description and awardee is decided by the Cultural Group's Tutor, with the help of the Support Teacher and/or the Dean of Arts and Cultural Events.

Outstanding Contribution to the Arts

Dance

A student who demonstrates an outstanding ability in performances and choreography, and is punctual and prompt to rehearsals and performances. A student who is prepared and displays polished performances and demonstrates a keenness to promote and participate in the Dance endeavours of the College.

Drama

A student who is energetic and enthusiastic in their application to tasks and keen to promote and participate in all artistic endeavours. The student's performances are well-prepared and polished, and the student displays creative communication at College cultural events.

Music

A student who is a role model to other Music students and supports and promotes the Music subject. A student who has supported cultural endeavours and has been enthusiastic and energetic about performing and improving stagecraft. This student shall have strived for excellence on their specialist instrument(s) and shown support to others.

Visual Art

A student who is reliable, organised and committed and has participated in many school based events in order to promote Art awareness. A student who displays a willingness to work in collaboration with others to artistically contribute to College Cultural Events.

Most Promising Junior Arts Student

Years 7, 8, and 9 Students are eligible (sponsored by Fr Stephen Hanly)

To be eligible for this award, the student strives consistently for excellence in the Arts, demonstrates support for extra-curricular activities such as HSC productions and shows promise and commitment to the promotion of Holy Spirit College in all things cultural. The recipient of this award must also uphold the Catholic ethos and demonstrate a positive attitude at all times.

Excellence in the Arts

Years 10, 11 and 12 Students are eligible (sponsored by Fr Stephen Hanly)

This award recognises consistent demonstration of and outstanding contribution to Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and/or Creative Communication throughout the student's enrolment at HSC. It is awarded to a student who has strived for excellence, displayed the leadership quality of inspiring others and has been consistently committed to the promotion of Holy Spirit College in all things cultural. The recipient of this award must also uphold the Catholic ethos and demonstrate a positive attitude at all times.

SPECIAL AWARDS

(Presented at Speech Night and Presentation of Awards)

Community Service Awards

Community Service Awards recognise students who initiate and lead in community-based activities and special events.

Principal's Awards

The Principal's Awards recognise one or a combination of the following qualities in a student:

- being a visible and positive role model for others
- displaying outstanding leadership in new initiatives
- having the capacity to accept challenges and persevere
- being involved in activities that bring recognition to the College in the wider community
- fostering the Christian values of the College amongst their peers
- demonstrating the attributes of a lifelong learner
- contributing significantly to the ethos of Holy Spirit College.

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards

One Student from Year 10 and one Student from Year 12

These awards were created to acknowledge the achievements of young people who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork. The awards are presented to one student from Year 10 and one student from Year 12. Allocation of the awards is determined by criteria prescribed by the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership Awards Committee.

Catholic Education Office Award

Year 10 Student

When Holy Spirit College began in 1996, the Director of Catholic Education at the time, Mr Joe McCorley, struck an award for a Year 10 Student who displayed academic endeavour, good conduct and participation.

The Dawson Medal for Outstanding Community Service

For Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

In 2011, Federal Member for Dawson, George Christensen, created a new award named after the electorate (and former Queensland Premier, Andrew Dawson). The Dawson Medal for Outstanding Community Service recognises a student in the Junior school who, among other attributes, is strong and consistent in school and community activities and exhibits an awareness of others and their needs.

Aspire to Teach – Catholic Education Award

For one male and one female Year 11 Student

This award, consisting of a cheque for \$200, a book on education and a certificate, is awarded to one male and one female Student in Year 11 who is interested in education as a career. Students are to apply in writing addressing the following criteria:

- Witnesses to his/her Christian faith
- Displays qualities of a good teacher e.g. care, compassion, positivity, collaborative, helpful, supportive and mentors peers
- Good academic and behaviour record
- Broad involvement in College and co-curricular activities
- Evidence of student leadership
- Service to the student cohort.

Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Year 12 Student

The Caltex Best All Rounder award is awarded to a Year 12 Student in recognition of their participation in and excellence across Academic, Leadership, Sporting, Cultural and Community Service activities.

Vocational Education & Training Award *in memory of Mark Cowley*

Year 12 Student

The Student Representative Council of 2002 established this award in memory of HSC student, Mark Cowley, who died in an accident at home in 1999. The award is presented to a Year 12 Student who is involved in the Vocational Education and Training Program at Holy Spirit College and who has shown perseverance in his or her work, and has represented the College in an exceptional way in the workforce and has shown diligence and co-operation in his or her studies.

Excellence in Studentship Award *in memory of Mark Camilleri*

Year 12 Student

Mark Camilleri was a student at Holy Spirit College, tragically taken from us in a motor vehicle accident in 1999. This award is presented to a student who has a positive attitude to life and enjoys the company of others and, at the same time, realises the value of a conscientious attitude to study and the need to make a 100% effort in all that they do.

The Don Brown Memorial Bursary for Outstanding Service to the Community

Year 12 Student

Don Brown was one of the police officers instrumental in establishing the Police and Essential Services Club in Mackay. Sadly, Don passed away in 2010 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Carmen and three children, John, Laura and Daniella, who all attended Holy Spirit College. A bursary in Don's memory is awarded to a Year 12 Student who has demonstrated outstanding service to the community. Students are invited to apply for the bursary in writing indicating how they have demonstrated involvement in school-based activities, parish activities and activities in the wider community. The recipient of this bursary will receive \$1000.

Christian Leadership Awards

Years 7 – 12 Students (**donated by Sisters of Mercy**)

The Christian Leadership Awards were initiated by the Sisters of Mercy. The Awards recognise a combination of the following contributions that students have made throughout the year:

- actively participating in the Liturgy Committee and/or the HSC Music Ministry
- attending College Chapel Masses regularly
- fostering and modelling Christian values amongst their peers
- actively participating in faith-sharing experiences such as retreats and witnessing to their faith
- actively participating in their parish communities.

Mary Moore Memorial Award

Year 10 Student

The Mary Moore Memorial Award is awarded to a student presently in Year 10 who is continuing their education through to Year 12 at Holy Spirit College. The recipient of this award receives a \$600 bursary towards partial remission of school fees for Years 11 and 12.

Students applying for the Award will be required to show, in writing, how they lead by example in their studies and extra-curricular activities. The student's school reports will be considered along with his/her capacity and willingness to participate actively and widely in the College's extra-curricular program.

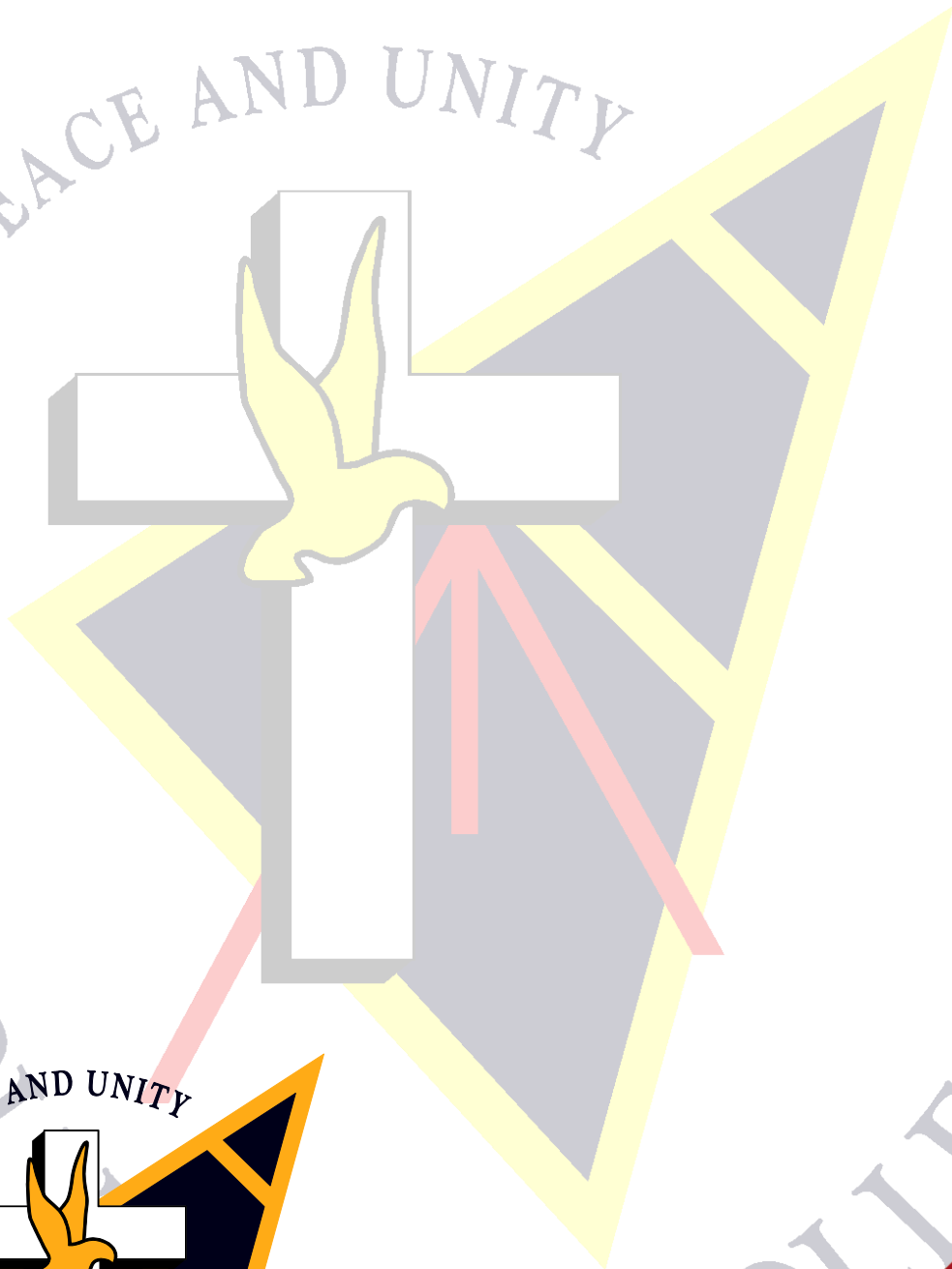
Marist Sisters' Award

Year 12 Student

The most prestigious of the Special Awards is the Marist Sisters' Award. Remembering the founding religious order of our College, this Award is presented to a Year 12 Student who:

- displays leadership, conduct and participation of the highest standard
- consistently endeavours to build 'Peace and Unity' in action and thought
- is an exemplary role model for all in the community
- who commits to the mission of the College in all their endeavours
- is fully supportive of our Catholic ethos.

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