COLOURS
AND
PRINCIPAL’S HONOURS

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INTRODUCTION
At Mandurah Catholic College (MCC), we encourage our students to value the opportunities that are made available to them in pursuing both academic studies and also co-curricular activities. The skills and knowledge gained from such pursuits ensure that our students are able to meet the challenges of our society with confidence.

Co-curricular Program - The co-curricular program offered at MCC is extensive and enables our students to participate in a diverse range of activities. We believe that a wide-ranging co-curricular program provides for a holistic curriculum in which students can compete, participate and engage in activities outside the normal classroom situation.

Our College deliberately pursues excellence and encourages students to achieve their best. An element of this mission is celebrating and rewarding the hard work, endeavour and camaraderie that are developed within a co-curricular activity. The recognition of students’ achievements in, and commitment to, co-curricular activity is the basis for this system.

Awards may be presented for the following co-curricular activities:

- Ministry
- Cultural
- Sport

Academic Program - Mandurah Catholic College has built a culture where academic excellence is recognised, valued and aspired to. The awarding of Colours is an important element of this. High achievement in academic areas requires a willingness to commit to greater hours of study, readiness to make sacrifices and learning beyond what is simply taught in the classroom.

Colours provide public and ongoing acknowledgement of academic achievement and underline that at MCC all fields of excellence are aspired to and recognised. Academic Colours may be presented for achievement across any combination of subjects from Years 10-12.
AWARDS FOR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MCC has in place a four-tiered system for recognising both achievement in and commitment to a co-curricular activity. The criteria for the awarding of prizes are clearly delineated in this booklet.

The four-tiered system is as follows:

1. **PRINCIPAL’S HONOURS**
   In circumstances of exceptional achievement a student is eligible, at the Principal’s discretion, to receive Principal’s Honours. These Honours may only be awarded after achievement of Full Colours.

   It is important to note that achieving the criteria for Full Colours in an area a second time does not automatically entitle a student to receive Principal’s Honours. It is also important to note the awarding of Principal’s Honours is entirely at the discretion of the Principal. Nominations for these Honours are supplied by the Colours Committee.

2. **FULL COLLEGE COLOURS**
   - **When** - Awarded at a Secondary School assembly, printed in the Newsletter and College Annual.
   - **What** - Students are awarded a certificate and a gold badge.
   - **How** – Teachers and Coordinators are responsible for activities; students who deem themselves eligible must present a Colours nomination form to the Colours Committee at the conclusion of the activity/season.

3. **HALF COLLEGE COLOURS**
   - **When** - Awarded at a Secondary School assembly, printed in the Newsletter and College Annual.
   - **What** - Students are awarded a certificate and a silver badge.
   - **How** - Teachers and Coordinators are responsible for activities; students who deem themselves eligible must present a Colours nomination form to the Colours Committee at the conclusion of the activity/season.

4. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**
   - **When** - Awarded at a Year assembly.
   - **What** - Students are awarded certificates.
• **How** - Teachers and Coordinators are responsible for activities; they must present a nomination to the Colours Committee at the conclusion of the activity/season.

**Special Criteria**

• A student who holds the position of either Prefect or Captain of a co-curricular activity is not automatically entitled to an award, nor does participation in an activity over a number of years automatically qualify for an award of Full College Colours, Half College Colours or Certificate of Recognition.

• Awards are not necessarily awarded in every activity. This will be at the discretion of the organising teacher and the Colours Committee.

• It would be expected that any student receiving Half College Colours or Full College Colours would already have received a Certificate of Recognition award.

**AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

MCC has in place a two-tiered system for recognising achievement in academia. The criteria for the awarding of prizes are clearly defined below and are awarded for all WACE units. The two-tiered system is as follows:

1. **FULL COLLEGE COLOURS**
   - **When** - Awarded at a Secondary School assembly, printed in the Newsletter and College Annual.
   - **What** - Students are awarded a certificate and a gold badge.
   - **How** - Predicted ATAR of 95. VET students; “A’s” in all subjects and teacher recommendation for outstanding achievement in all certificate courses.
   - **Who** - Available to students in Year 12.

2. **HALF COLLEGE COLOURS**
   - **When** - Awarded at a Secondary School assembly, printed in the Newsletter and College Annual.
   - **What** - Students are awarded a certificate and a silver badge.
   - **How** - Predicted ATAR of 92. Can be achieved in Year 11 and 12, however half and full colours can only be earned once each. VET students; 3 “A’s” or more, when certificate courses are included 1 “A” is required and all other grades must be a “B” minimum. Recommendation of outstanding
achievement in all certificate courses. Both of these can be achieved in Year 11 and Year 12; same conditions as above.

- **Who** - Available to students in Year 11 and Year 12.

**Special Criteria**
- To achieve Full College Colours, students will have to achieve five or better “A” grades across all subjects in Year 12. These grades will be assessed from the Semester One report.
- A Half College Colour will be awarded to any student in Year 11 who achieves five “A” grades or better in a semester report.
- Certificate of Recognition will be awarded for any student in Year 10 who achieves five “A” grades or better and a “B” grade in all other subjects in a semester report.

**COLOURS COMMITTEE**
The Colours Committee receives nominations and the criteria for Full College Colours, Half College Colours and Certificate of Recognition from the teachers responsible for the activities.

It is the responsibility of the Colours Committee to accept or reject the nominations. The Principal has the right to override the decision of the Colours Committee or revoke an award in exceptional circumstances.

The Colours Committee should ensure that there is parity in the awarding of Full College Colours, Half College Colours and Certificate of Recognition awards across all co-curricular activities. The Colours Committee comprises:

- Principal
- Deputy Pastoral Care (Chair)
- Director of Sports
- Director of Ministry
- Deputy Staff & Formation
- Head of Year 12
- One Head of House
The Colours Committee will meet periodically throughout the year as nominations from teachers in charge of co-curricular activities are submitted to the Chair. Full College Colours, Half College Colours and House Medal Awards will be published in the daily notices prior to presentation of awards at a Colours Assembly.

**COLOURS APPEALS**
Any student who wishes to contest the decision of the Colours Committee in relation to their nomination for an award must lodge an appeal in writing to the Deputy Pastoral Care within 48 hours of the awards being published. The appeal must be written by the student (using the proforma available at Student Reception) and state the reasons the student disagrees with the decision of the Colours Committee. The appeal must focus on the reasons the award is deserved and must not make comparison with other students who have received the award. The student must also make themself available to speak to the Colours Committee at a specially convened meeting prior to the presentation at assembly.

Once the appeal has been considered by the Colours Committee, its decision is final.

*Note: The appeals process is between the student and the Colours Committee.*

**TIMELINE FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**
Awards are made on the basis of attendance, participation, excellence and/or service. Recommendations for Colours will be presented to the Colours Committee by the teacher in charge of the activity. It is the responsibility of the teacher in charge to ensure that all nominations meet the criteria for the level of award for which the student is nominated.

Students can also nominate themselves by completing the nomination form which is available at Student Reception detailing their achievements. The completed form needs to be returned to the corresponding Coordinator.

- Sport Director of Sport Mr Nick Jenkins
- Ministry Director of Ministry Mrs Susan Macdonald
- Cultural Coordinator of Cultural Miss Chloe Sullivan
The Colours Committee will consider the nominations and accept or reject individual recommendations. Colours will be presented in Terms One, Two and Three. Students and parents will be notified via a letter one week prior to the presentation.

Recipients’ names will be published in the College Newsletter and College Annual.

**Presentation of Awards** - Awards will be presented at a Secondary School assembly after the ‘Right of Appeal’ period has elapsed and any appeal has been heard.

Recipients of College Colours will receive a certificate indicating the award, activity and year, and a badge indicating the specific activity. Recipients of Certificate of Recognition awards will receive a certificate indicating the award, activity and year and be presented at a Year Assembly.

**CO-CURRICULAR CRITERIA**

**Full College Colours**
This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated both excellence in and service to the activity. It would be expected that the student would have participated in the activity for a number of years and would already have received a Certificate of Recognition award for this activity.

**Excellence** - The student must have reached the highest possible level within the College in the activity, most commonly through a selection process and be at a standard recognised outside the College.

**Service** - The student must have shown exemplary commitment through the entire year or season and also taken on at least one leadership role within the activity. It would also be expected that the student was involved in some way, in developing and mentoring other students in their activity.

**Half College Colours**
This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated excellence in and service to the activity. It would be expected that the student would have
participated in the activity over a number of years and would already have received a Certificate of Recognition award for this activity.

**Excellence** - The student must have reached a high level within the activity, most commonly through a selection process and be at a standard recognised outside the College.

**Service** - The student must have shown exemplary commitment through the entire year or season and also taken on at least one leadership role within the activity. It would also be expected that the student was involved, in some way, in developing and mentoring other students in their activity.

**Certificate of Recognition**
This award is made to a student who has contributed significantly to the activity. The student will have been an active and committed member of the activity and will always have participated to the best of his or her ability. This will include such things as rehearsals, training sessions, meetings, performances, games, competitions and any other component relevant to the activity.

**HOUSE MEDALS AND AWARDS**
Medals are awarded on the basis of service to the House. Points are awarded to students according to their involvement in House activities throughout the year. Involvement includes consistent support for, and participation in, House events and initiatives and/or being involved in the organisation of and administrative planning for an event. Students must have actively participated in their House Mission as well as several other events. Records of active participation are kept in the relevant House yearbook by the Head of House.

After a minimum two-year period of consistent commitment to House activities, the student may be nominated for ‘Certificate of Recognition’ to the House.

Students who have earned a Certificate of Recognition award, and continue to contribute to their House in subsequent years, may be eligible to be nominated for a House Medal. The schedule below outlines the manner in which points may be awarded for active service to the House.
• House Mission
• Patron’s Day
• Inter-House Swimming Carnival
• Inter-House Cross Country
• Inter-House Athletics Carnival
• Inter-House Beach Carnival
• Inter-House Novelty Events
• Inter-House Netball
• Inter-House Soccer
• Inter-House Public Speaking
• Inter-House Theatre Sports
• Inter-House Sale of the Century
• House Leadership
• Homeroom Leadership
• Peer Support
• Pastoral Care Initiatives
• Assemblies, Liturgical Celebrations & Prayer
• Assistance to the House

Each year, Heads of House will meet to decide the cut-off points for each award to ensure consistency across the Houses.

**HOUSE AWARDS**

There are two tiers of awards:

- **House Medal**
- **Certificate of Recognition**

1. **House Medals** are recognised by a certificate and a medal with the word HOUSE. These awards are presented at a Colours Assembly and published in the College newsletter and College Annual.

2. **Certificate of Recognition** award is by a certificate awarded at a House Assembly.
**HOUSE CRITERIA**

**House Medal** - Students who have earned Recognition of Service and continue to contribute to their House in subsequent years, will be eligible to be nominated for a House Medal. The Head of House, in consultation with House staff, House Prefect and House Captains, will make the decision based on the student’s continued contribution to the House.

House Medals can be awarded to students in Years 11 and 12 only.

**Certificate of Recognition** - After a minimum two-year period of consistent commitment to House activities, the student may be nominated for Certificate of Recognition to the House. The Head of House, in consultation with House staff, House Prefect and House Captains, will review the nomination and make the decision based on records kept for contribution throughout the two years.

**Special Criteria**

- The position of House Prefect and House Captain does not automatically entitle a student to an award.

- In exceptional circumstances, Heads of House in consultation with each other, may award a House Medal to a student in Year 10.

**HOUSE APPEALS**

Any student who wishes to contest the awarding of points and the subsequent level of award received must lodge an appeal in writing with their relevant Head of House within two days of the final House assembly. In the event of an appeal, a meeting will be convened between the relevant Head of House, the Deputy of Pastoral Care and another Head of House to discuss the appeal. The student must make him or herself available to make a submission to the meeting if required. The student will be notified of the success or otherwise of the appeal directly after the meeting. All students of the relevant House will be notified of the result if the appeal is successful.

*Note The appeals process is between the students and House staff.*