



College Colours

CO-CURRICULAR AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

At Mandurah Catholic College 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.

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.

Co-Curricular Program - The co-curricular program offered 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 activities in the following pillars:

- Academic
- Ministry and Service
- Cultural
- Sport

Colours provide public and ongoing acknowledgement of academic and co-curricular achievement and contribution and underline that at Mandurah Catholic College all fields of excellence are aspired to and recognised.

AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mandurah Catholic College has in place a five-tiered system for recognising both achievement in and commitment to an academic or co-curricular activity. The criteria for the awarding of colours are clearly delineated in this booklet. Each area has a points system which is used to calculate which category of award is to be achieved. The **five-tiered system** is as follows:

1. Principal's Honours

In circumstances of exceptional achievement, a student is eligible, to receive Principal's Honours. These Honours may only be awarded after achievement of Full Colours or after State, National or International recognition and must usually meet the points requirement.

2. Full College Colours

- **Who** – Only Year 11 and Year 12 students who have already received Half Colours are eligible for Full Colours and they must meet the points requirement.
- **What** - Students are awarded a certificate and a gold badge.
- **When** - Awarded at a Colours Assembly, acknowledged in Newsfeed and *Inspire*.
- **How** – Teachers and Coordinators responsible for activities, students that deem themselves eligible, must present a Colours nomination form to the Colours Committee at the conclusion of the activity/season.

3. College Half Colours

- **Who** – Only Year 11 and Year 12 students who have already received Certificates of Merit are eligible for Half Colours and they must meet the points requirement.
- **What** – Students are awarded a certificate and a silver badge.
- **When** – Awarded at a Colours Assembly, acknowledged in Newsfeed and *Inspire*.
- **How** – Teachers and Coordinators responsible for activities, students that deem themselves eligible, must present a Colours nomination form to the Colours Committee at the conclusion of the activity/season.

4. Certificate of Merit

- **Who** – Any student who has already received a Certificate of Recognition is eligible for a Certificate of Merit and must meet the points requirement.
- **What and When** – Students are awarded certificates at a Year Assembly
- **How** – Teachers and Coordinators responsible for activities must present a nomination to the Colours Committee at the conclusion of the activity/season

5. Certificate of Recognition

- **Who** – Any student who meets the points requirement is eligible for a Certificate of Recognition
- **What and When** – Students are awarded certificates at a Year Assembly
- **How** – Teachers and Coordinators responsible for activities must present a nomination to the Colours Committee at the conclusion of the activity/season

COLOURS COMMITTEE

The Colours Committee receives nominations for Principal's Honours, Full College Colours, Half College Colours, Certificates of Merit, Certificates of Recognition and House Medals from the teachers responsible for the activities. Students need to nominate by completing the nomination form, attaching supporting documentation if necessary and ensuring that the form is signed by all required parties.

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 making the awards. The Colours Committee comprises:

- Deputy Principal of Pastoral Care (Chair)
- Head of Sport (Sport)
- Coordinator of Ministry (Ministry and Service)
- Director of the Arts (Cultural)
- Head of Year 12 (Academic)
- One Head of House (House Medals)
- Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning

The Colours Committee will meet periodically throughout the year as nominations from teachers in charge of co-curricular activities are submitted to the Chair.

TIMELINE FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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 and that points have been allocated at tallied.

Students nominate themselves by completing the nomination form which is available at Student Reception detailing their achievements and involvement. The completed form with attached documentation needs to be returned to the corresponding Coordinator.

Cultural	Ministry and Service	Sport	Academic
Director of the Arts	Coordinator of Ministry	Head of Sport	Head of Year 12

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 one week prior to the presentation.

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.

House Awards

There are three tiers of house awards:

- House Medal
- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Recognition

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 Newsfeed and Inspire.

Certificate of Recognition and **Certificate of Merit** are recognised by a certificate awarded at a House Assembly.

After a minimum two-year period of consistent commitment to House activities, the student may nominate themselves or be nominated for a Certificate of Recognition to the House. Students who continue yearly with consistent commitment may nominate themselves or be nominated for a Certificate of Merit. Students who have earned a Certificate of Recognition 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 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 and Prayer
- Assistance to the House

House Criteria

House Medal - Students who have earned recognition of their continued service 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. In exceptional circumstances, Heads of House, in consultation with each other, may award a House Medal to a student in Year 10.