



## **Rationale**

Completing Primary School is a special time for our students and their families. Family, carers and staff have nurtured each student to reach the milestone we celebrate at the *Year 6 Graduation Ceremony*. Awards recognise both outstanding academic achievements, as well as positive personal attributes.

## **Awards Criteria**

A panel of staff collaborate on the award process, addressing the specific criteria of each. This panel includes year 6 teachers, specialist teachers, the principal, deputy principals and school chaplain. The award criteria will be communicated to the parents/guardians of the graduating cohort prior to the graduation ceremony taking place.

## **Graduation Awards**

Awards fall into two categories: academic and personal attributes. A graduating student can receive more than one award and in both categories.

### **Category 1 - Academic**

To be nominated for an academic award, the student must display a high level of competence and demonstrate a positive attitude in all aspects of the teaching and learning program. Student work samples and assessments will be collected from each learning area, and academic performance will be analysed.

Work samples include:

- Formal and online test results
- Investigations and assessments
- Projects and cooperative tasks

### **List of Academic Awards**

Academic Achievement Award (Dux)  
Leslie Rees English Award  
Maths Award  
Humanities and Social Sciences Award  
Technologies Award  
French Award  
Art Award  
Music Award  
Science Award  
Sports Awards (male and female)

**Category 2 - Personal Attributes**

The class teachers select a shortlist of graduating students for the following awards. Staff who have been involved in the teaching and learning program of these students are eligible to cast a vote. The preferential voting system is used to decide the award recipient for the Citizenship and Endeavour Awards.

**Richard Diggins Citizenship Award**

The following criteria are used to select the Citizenship Award recipient:

- Ability to cooperate with others
- Exemplary behaviour
- Independent thinker/demonstrates initiative
- Organised/prepared to assist others
- Demonstrates pride in self and school
- Demonstrates respect for school community

**Endeavour Award**

The following criteria are used to select the Endeavour Award recipient based on:

- Enthusiasm
- Positivity
- Willingness to give extra time to certain activities
- Demonstrates ongoing improvement in one or more areas, and
- Always striving for personal best

***Our Best Award***

This award is presented to a student who lives up to the school's motto *Our Best* in all aspects of school life. The award recipient is selected and presented by the principal.

**School Board Chair**



**Name: Hannah McKelvie**

**Principal**



**Name: Heather McNeil**

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