

# CATHERINE McAULEY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The purpose of this program is to provide a means of recognising student excellence across all aspects of college life. These awards are for those students who do more than simply participate in an activity; they recognise the achievement and the desire to excel.

## THE VIRTUE CONQUERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Certificates are awarded to students who are exemplars of our Mercy Values with achievement in one of the following categories of college life:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
LEADERSHIP IN SPORTS  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
CREATIVE ENDEAVOUR

The criteria for each category are described in detail below. Students will be presented with achievement certificates at House assemblies. Each certificate counts toward the awarding of a badge.

## THE VIRTUE CONQUER BADGES

Badges are awarded by the following achievement levels:



### BRONZE

5 Virtue Conquers Achievement Awards in **any** category



### SILVER

9 Virtue Conquers Achievement Awards involving at least **three** categories



### GOLD

12 Virtue Conquers Achievement Awards in all **four** categories

Badges will be awarded at the college assemblies.

## THE VIRTUE CONQUERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CRITERIA

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

To be considered for an Academic Excellence Award a student will:

- Present quality work in class and assignments of a very high standard.
- Have consistent and positive participation in class activities.
- Do their best in lessons while setting high standards of behaviour.
- Show academic excellence in a particular area.
- Show marked improvement in progress.

Academic Excellence awards based on semester and interim reports will be awarded to the top 10 students in each house. **Three students** per house can be awarded an Academic Excellence award based on their efforts and great improvement over the term.

**EXAMPLES OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS INCLUDE:**

- Subject Excellence Awards presented on Awards Night.
- Distinction or higher in any subject-based competition e.g. ICAS Math's Competition.
- Special achievement in a subject during the term.
- 90% or higher in semester examinations.



## THE VIRTUE CONQUERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CRITERIA CONTINUED

### LEADERSHIP IN SPORTS

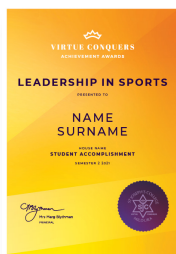
To be considered for a Leadership In Sports Award a student will:

- Exhibit the many aspects of good sportsmanship.
- Display outstanding levels of participation in training and competition.
- Display leadership based on Mercy Values.

Leadership in Sports awards based on major House competitions (e.g. Athletics) will be awarded to the top 10 students per house.

**EXAMPLES OF LEADERSHIP IN SPORTS AWARDS INCLUDE:**

- Age champion at either school swimming, athletics or cross country.
- Outstanding achievement in representative sport.
- Outstanding leadership e.g. at sporting carnivals (10 per House), within team sports.
- Refereeing and umpiring fairly and consistently.
- Ribbon winners at swimming, athletics or cross country.



### COMMUNITY SERVICE

To be considered for a Community Service Award a student will:

- Set high standards of behaviour and co-operation in the classroom or school yard.
- Exhibit values such as honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness, respect and good manners.
- Show unselfishness and consideration by helping others, both in school and in the local community.
- Display citizenship, consideration for others and improvements to college life.

**EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS INCLUDE:**

- Outstanding achievement in programs such as the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, Caritas fundraising, the St Vincent de Paul visitation, Seeds of Justice, Mercy Works, etc.
- Participation in a program that benefits the college e.g. Mercy gatherings, Catholic Youth meetings etc.
- Assisting with after-college events such as information nights, tour guides, catering for college functions etc.
- Attending local memorial services as representatives of the college.



### CREATIVE ENDEAVOUR

To be considered for a Creative Endeavour Award a student will:

- Show significant involvement at a high standard in creative presentations and performances.
- Be selected to represent the college in performances, showing skill and commitment.
- Achieve quality participation or work in areas such as performing arts, visual arts, debating and public speaking.



**EXAMPLES OF CREATIVE ENDEAVOUR AWARDS INCLUDE:**

- Participation in a college production.
- Being an active member of a debating team.
- Being selected to participate in public speaking programs/competitions e.g. Lions Youth of the Year, Frayne Speech Festival.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Each term, the Principal presents an award at each year level to one young person whom teachers think meets some or all of the criteria for a Principal's Award.

**CRITERIA:**

- General excellence (i.e. class work, support of teachers, uniform, behaviour etc.).
- An act of goodness (i.e. something which exemplifies what we stand for).
- Ongoing dedication to a particular task or duty (i.e. a sustained effort/commitment).
- A particular act of courage.
- The pursuit of personal best.
- Significant improvement as a result of concerted effort.
- Very good role modelling.
- Leadership.

Teachers might nominate someone who has struggled and given his or her best to overcome a challenge.

