



Albany Primary School School Awards and Certificates of Recognition

Background

It is understood that, at times, students need to be recognized publicly for their performance across a range of learning and personal domains to encourage them and others to strive to achieve. We therefore institute a set of ongoing daily/weekly awards and annual awards and provide certificates of recognition for a range of purposes.

Certificates Presented to Students

- **Merit Certificates:** These are given out at fortnightly assemblies to enable staff to recognize effort, diligence, personal growth and achievement across all areas of learning and social/emotional development. Each staff member may give two of these per assembly. Every student should be recognized at least once during a school year.
- **End of Term Certificates Terms 1 and 3:** Where appropriate an end of term “Pursuit of Excellence Award” will be presented to two students. These focus on students who have either, sustained excellence throughout the term or strived to achieve at a higher level.
- **NAIDOC Week Certificates End of Term 2:** There are two awards per class presented during NAIDOC Week celebrations recognizing those students who demonstrate a desire to play/work harmoniously and fairly with others and are always inclusive in their daily practices.
- **ANZAC Certificates:** Presented to two students from each class at the assembly closest to ANZAC Day that recognizes those students who demonstrate the “ANZAC Spirit”. This may include willingness to help others, doing something for the common good, never giving in, seeking to be brave and being strong when faced with adversity.
- **Other Certificates:** From time to time students may receive other certificates for musical effort or excellence, scientific work (eg CREST Awards), Aussie of The Month (citizenship), sporting achievement or participation and engagement in the PEAC Program.

Note: Certificate templates (other than merit certificates) are set up by the school officer and presented on special paper.

Annual Book Awards

Each year all classes and specialist staff members present two Book Awards at the final assembly to students up to year 6. These awards are presented for two reasons:

- Sustained excellence and outstanding effort throughout the year.
- Demonstrated significant improvement through effort and work ethic.

The Book Awards are purchased by the teacher and paid for by the P & C Association.

Year 6 Graduation Awards

During the Graduation Ceremony at the end of each year awards are presented to the year 6 cohort. While these may alter from year to year the school maintains many of the core awards. They are as follows:

Citizenship Awards (male and female)

- Exemplary behaviour
- Positive attitude to school
- Contributes to school events
- Upholds the school values

Dux of Year 6

- High Achievement across academic learning areas
- Sustained high academic performance
- Attitude of ongoing improvement

Mathematics Award

- High Achievement in all aspects of Mathematics
- Enthusiasm and attitude toward the subject
- Willing and competent problem solver

English Award

- High levels of achievement across all areas of English
- Demonstrated attitude of improvement and learning in English
- Demonstrated capacity to use excellent English skills through school based activities.

Woodside Scitech Science Award (male and female)

- Willingness to understand a wide variety of Science information.
- Thorough approach to learning
- Competent suite of Science investigation skills
- Generosity and enthusiasm when working with other students

Humanities and Social Sciences Award

- Achievement in History and Geography
- Positive attitude and contribution
- Demonstrated interest in the subject

Music Award

- Achievement in Music
- Positive contribution to class
- Supportive attitude to staff and peers

Arts Award

- Strong demonstration of skills, ideas and processes in the Arts
- Creativity
- Completion of tasks

Sports Awards (male and female)

- Sporting Achievement
- Positive Sportsmanship
- Contribution to team

Conclusion

While these awards and certificates of recognition are important in our school, from time to time, other forms of recognition may be implemented. These may be supported by groups from outside our school (such as Scitech) or an appropriate sponsor in agreement with the School Council.