

MERIT AWARD SCHEME

The merit award scheme is a system to recognise and promote excellence in conduct, work ethic and attitude within the school. All students are eligible to receive awards.

Awards may be issued at the individual staff member, faculty and school level. Staff are encouraged to use positive motivation in class, whether it be a teacher-issued merit award or another method of recognition with which the teacher is comfortable and which is in keeping with the school merit award scheme. The merit award scheme is coordinated by the Deputy Principals and Wellbeing team.

Students may achieve an award for excellent and consistent conduct, work ethic and attitude in the following areas:

- K6 Assembly Merit Award
- Positive Effort
- Cultural activities
- Positive classroom behaviour
- Outstanding Effort on a Task
- School event/competition participation
- Sports event/competition participation
- Sport Representation
- Representing the school
- Leadership
- Volunteering
- 95% attendance plus / term
- 5 weeks homework (K-6)
- 5 weeks positive classroom behaviour (K-6)
- 5 weeks positive playground behaviour (K-6)
- Athletics Bronze Award (1 point) (K-6)
- Athletics Silver Award (3 points) (K-6)
- Athletics Gold Award (K-6)
- 20 nights home reading (K-3)
- 5X1 point awards (K-6)

All merit types are worth 5 points unless otherwise noted.

For example: Athletics Bronze Award (1 point) K6

| Points | Bronze | Silver | Gold | Platinum | Diamond |
|-----------|--------|--------|------|----------|---------|
| K | 20 | 40 | 90 | 125 | |
| Y1 and Y2 | 25 | 60 | 100 | 150 | |
| Y3 and Y4 | 35 | 90 | 145 | 200 | |
| Y5 and Y6 | 40 | 100 | 160 | 250 | |
| Y7-10 | 50 | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 |
| Y11-12 | 25 | 50 | 75 | 110 | 150+ |

Parents can access their child's points tally through the Sentral Parent and Student Portal. Teachers also receive weekly updates from the DP for every year group on the points tally.

K-6

Weekly Merits are issued at assembly on Fridays – 4 per class each week. Athletics awards are printed, and points recorded in Sentral every Monday and presented at the Friday assembly. Every 5 weeks merits are also awarded for classroom behaviour, playground behaviour and participation in homework. One point awards are given in the class (Personal Best) and the playground (Dirruwung) for good work, behaviour and citizenship.

Y7-12

Staff evaluate student progress continually. Entries are made by staff onto the school's student recording system (Sentral). Year Advisers will notify students of their progress at Year Meetings twice a term. Students can also check their own tally through the Sentral Student Portal. The awards are cumulative throughout the calendar year resulting in a Platinum Award after 300 points and a Diamond Award after 400 points awarded.

Merit Assembly

At the end of term, parents will be invited to attend the merit assembly followed by a morning tea to help acknowledge their student's success.

Term 1: **Bronze Awards** (K12 Performance assembly W10)

Term 2: **Silver Awards** (K12 Performance assembly W10)

Term 3: **Gold Awards** (Platinum and Diamond for Y12)
(K12 Performance assembly W10)

Term 4: **Gold Awards** (K12 Assembly W9)

Platinum /Diamond (K12Presentation assembly W10)

For Platinum or Diamond Awards a student needs to receive merits from a range of academic subjects or areas such as volunteering, sport, cultural, leadership and competitions.

If a student has been suspended during the term they will not have their award presented at the Performance Assembly at the end of term. They will also not be eligible for the Platinum/Diamond excursion at the end of the year.