

# **Dance Honours Award**

## **Purpose**

To recognise outstanding Dance achievement, leadership, service and participation.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the granting of an Honours Award, a student must gain national and regional recognition, as well as demonstrate exemplary service, leadership and participation in their chosen field.

These criteria are to be maintained from Year 9, up to and including the year of application. Students new to St Margaret's must provide supporting evidence from their previous school. The criteria will be reviewed annually.

## **Pre-requisite**

A Pocket is a pre-requisite for the awarding of Honours (with some exceptions.) Students applying directly for Honours must also apply for a Pocket simultaneously.

## **National Recognition**

*One of the following:*

- PACANZ Dance Award
- ITL National Dance Young Performer Award
- Placement in the top 3 of National Dance Competitions as a soloist
- N.Z rep Dance Team / Crew performing internationally
- International Dance Company/Training Scholarship recipient
- Placement in World Dance Competitions
- RAD Ballet Exam Advanced One
- BBO Ballet/Tap/Modern Advanced One
- NZAMD Contemp Level 6/Jazz Adv Two/Ballet Adv/Tap Adv
- AJDA Jazz Advanced Two
- BAL Tap Advanced
- The NZ Academy of Highland & National Dancing Advanced

Please note that placings in Dance competitions will be considered by the Committee on a case by case basis, and that the definition of "national

competition" is one that requires qualification to compete, eg at a regional level.

### **Regional Recognition**

Participation in any *two* of the following from Year 9 onwards:

- A role (lead or chorus) in an outside of school production that is deemed to be of a professional level
- Dance Festival eg Tempo, Outstanding Feet
- Stage Challenge placing
- Dance teaching roles
- Dance choreographic role
- Professional corporate event performance

AND any other competition/award/distinction which in the opinion of the Awards Committee is worthy of inclusion.

### **Participation**

Students must have made a consistent and significant contribution to Dance at St Margaret's from Year 9 as an active member of Dance co-curricular groups, taking part in school events such as Twilight Concert/Performing Arts Showcase and performing in events representing St Margaret's outside the school, in the community etc.

Honours will be awarded in Dance for strong commitment and excellence in **two** of the following:

- Middle School / Senior Dance Company
- Another SMC co-curricular Dance group eg Hip Hop, Musical Theatre
- SMC Dance Production/Night: dancers for Year 13 choreography
- SMC Major Production
- Dance competition representing St Margaret's (solo or team)

Participation in Dance events in the wider community may assist in the awarding of Honours, but is not a criterion in itself.

### **Service**

An active advocate for Dance and the Arts at St Margaret's College, with consistent school Dance Department involvement. A student will be expected to have actively and positively supported the Dance life of the school

community, to have shown initiative and to have gone over and above active participation. For example, student leadership of a co-curricular group or project. Students must show service in at least *three* of the following:

- Being a member of the Arts Council
- Being a mentor / tutor
- Being a student Head of Dance leader and actively fulfilling this role
- Being a co-curricular group leader
- Being a co-curricular group choreographer
- Starting up new Dance initiatives in school
- Contributing to Curriculum evenings, Open Day etc
- Assisting the Dance Department teachers when required
- Selected performances at assemblies, chapels or other significant events
- Service to SMC Arts and major productions

### **Attitude**

The attitude of those who receive Honours is extremely important. Recipients must demonstrate qualities such as:

- Reliability
- Organisation – punctuality / meeting deadlines
- Taking direction
- Working well both independently and in a group situation
- A positive attitude and a loyalty to the interests of the Arts at St Margaret's

### **Student Conduct Expectation**

To be awarded Honours a student must be able to show that she consistently upholds the values of St Margaret's College and that she consistently meets and role models the attendance, behavioural and uniform presentation expectations of the College.

### **Procedure**

- *Students apply for Honours by filling in a form sent out on Student Notices. Evidence of national recognition must be presented in support of the application, along with justification of achievements, certificates etc (photocopies only, no originals please.)*
- *The application will be considered by a committee consisting of the Arts Curriculum Leaders and other Leadership Team members.*
- *Final confirmation will be made by the Executive Principal. Any communication must be directed to the Executive Principal, not Arts staff.*

- *The award will be presented at a scheduled assembly during the year.*
- *Please note it is NOT possible to be re-awarded Honours in the mid-year intake as part of the Year 13 Combined Honours process.*

# **Dance Pocket Award**

To achieve a Pocket Award in Dance, the student needs to satisfy the following criteria:

## **Skill / Achievement**

Students will demonstrate leadership and the ability to work as a member of a team in such a way as to provide encouragement to others in Dance. A high degree of dance performance skill and technical assurance is expected.

## **Participation**

Students must have made a consistent and significant contribution to Dance at St Margaret's for a minimum of 2 years. A Pocket will be awarded in Dance for strong commitment and excellence in **two** of the following:

- Middle School / Senior Dance Company
- Another SMC co-curricular Dance group eg Hip Hop, Musical Theatre
- SMC Dance Production: dancers for Year 13 choreography
- SMC Major Production
- Dance competition representing St Margaret's (solo or team)

Participation in non SMC Dance events/competitions/examination events in the wider community may assist in the awarding of a Pocket, but is not a criterion in itself.

## **Service**

A student will be expected to have actively supported the Dance life of the school community by, for example:

- Starting up new Dance initiatives in school
- Contributing to Curriculum evenings/ Open Day etc
- Assisting the Dance Department teachers when required
- Being an active member of Dance co-curricular groups
- Being a positive advocate for Dance and the Arts at St Margaret's College
- Selected performances at assemblies, chapels or other significant events
- Service to SMC Arts and major productions

## **Attitude**

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- Reliability
- Organisation – punctuality / meeting deadlines
- Taking direction
- Working well both independently and in a group situation
- A positive attitude and a loyalty to the interests of the Arts at St Margaret's

Note: These criteria must be met up to and including the year of application, and will be reviewed annually.

### **Student Conduct Expectation**

To be awarded a pocket a student must be able to show that she consistently upholds the values of St Margaret's College and that she consistently meets and role models the attendance, behavioural and uniform presentation expectations of the College.

### **Procedure**

- *Students apply for a Pocket by filling in the form sent out on Student Notices, accompanied by evidence of achievements where possible (photocopies only, no originals please)*
- *The application will be considered by a Committee consisting of the Arts Curriculum Leaders.*
- *Final confirmation will be made by the Executive Principal. Any communication must be directed to the Executive Principal, not Arts staff.*
- *The award will be presented at a scheduled assembly during the year.*

# DANCE HONOURS AWARD

## APPLICATION FORM

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & YEARS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTS POCKET AWARDED?**      **YES**      **NO**      **YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATION:** (SMC co-curricular groups & events)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE:** (Your contribution to the Dance life of St Margaret's College)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER CONTRIBUTING CRITERIA:**

**REFEREES:** (attach references from **two** teachers/specialists to support your application)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# DANCE HONOURS AWARD

## REFEREE'S SUPPORTING SUMMARY

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on the following:

**Attendance:**

**Participation:**

**Work Ethic:**

**DANCE Ability:**

**DANCE Service:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



# DANCE POCKET AWARD

## APPLICATION FORM

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATION:** (SMC co-curricular groups & events)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Year/s Involved** \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE:** (Your contribution to the dance life of St Margaret's College)

**OTHER CONTRIBUTING CRITERIA:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date