

Drama Honours Award

Purpose

To recognise outstanding Drama 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:

- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare National Competition
- NZ Theatre Federation Nationals award
- Performance qualifications: ATCL or LTCL with Distinction
- Role in a national touring play/production
- National Theatresports competition

Regional Recognition

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

- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition
- Theatresports Competition
- NZ Theatre Federation
- Court Theatre Ambassador
- Productions for Showbiz Christchurch

- Productions for The Court Theatre or Repertory Theatre
- Summer Shakespeare
- Community theatre

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 Drama at St Margaret's from Year 9 as an active member of drama 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 Drama for strong commitment and excellence in **two** of the following:

- SMC co-curricular Drama group
- SMC Major Production
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival
- Theatresports Competition or other inter-school Drama competition/festival

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

Service

An active advocate for Drama and the Arts at St Margaret's College, with consistent school Drama Department involvement. A student will be expected to have actively and positively supported the Drama 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 Drama leader and actively fulfilling this role
- Being a co-curricular group leader
- Being a co-curricular group tutor
- Starting up new Drama initiatives in school
- Contributing to Curriculum evenings, Open Day etc

- Assisting the Drama Department teachers when required
- Selected performances at assemblies, chapels or other significant events
- Service to SMC Drama 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 College.

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 to Arts staff.*
- *The award will be made 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.*

Drama Pocket Award

To achieve a Pocket Award in Drama, 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 a Drama group. A high degree of dramatic and technical assurance is expected.

Participation

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

- SMC co-curricular Drama group
- SMC Major production
- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival
- Theatresports Competition or other inter-school Drama competition/festival

Participation in Drama 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 Drama life of the school community by, for example:

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

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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.

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

Procedure

- *Students apply for a Drama 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 to Arts staff.*
- *The award will be presented at a scheduled assembly during the year.*

DRAMA 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 Drama 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

DRAMA HONOURS AWARD

REFEREE'S SUPPORTING SUMMARY

Applicant: _____

Referee: _____

Please comment on the following:

Attendance:

Participation:

Work Ethic:

Dramatic Ability:

Drama Service:

Signature

Date

DRAMA 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 drama life of St Margaret's College)

OTHER CONTRIBUTING CRITERIA:

Signature

Date