

Oratory Honours Award **(Debating and Public Speaking)**

Purpose

To recognise outstanding Debating and/or Public Speaking 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:

- Placed in the finals at Canterbury Regional Debating Championships
- Member of a Canterbury team at New Zealand Schools' Debating Championships
- Winning a regional speechmaking competition (eg Lions, Rotary, Jaycees, RSA ANZAC, Race Unity... and participating at national level of such competition
- Represented SMC and gained recognition at UN Youth NZ Model United Nations

Regional Recognition

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

Success in: Summer or Winter Quad

Inter-school Competition (CSDC)
Selection in CSDC All-Star Development Squad
Showcase debates, eg annual SMC vs CC, staff/student,
Commonwealth Society

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 Debating at St Margaret's from Year 9 as an active member of SMC co-curricular Debating groups, taking part in school and inter-school competitions and representing St Margaret's outside the school, in the community etc.

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

- SMC Y9 internal debating competition
- CSDC inter-school competition
- SMC House Debating competition
- Tournaments such as Canterbury Junior Regionals and Nga Kete.
- Chairing and assisting at House Debating or when hosting CSDC inter-school debates.

Service

An active advocate for Oratory and the Arts at St Margaret's College, with consistent school Debating involvement. A student will be expected to have actively and positively supported Debating in 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 student Head of Debating leader and actively fulfilling this role
- Coaching eg SMC junior/intermediate teams
- Coaching house debating teams
- Adjudicating SMC inter-house debates
- Starting up new Debating initiatives in school
- Assisting the Debating teachers when required

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 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.*

Oratory Pocket Award (Debating)

To achieve an Oratory Pocket Award in Debating, the student needs to satisfy the following criteria.

Skill / Achievement (Must achieve in at least two areas)

- Debated in the FINAL of a debating tournament (eg Nga Kete, Canterbury Junior Regionals).
- Won at least FOUR debates in the CSDC inter-school competition.
- At least THREE best speaker awards at CSDC debates.
- In the winning team of SMC House Debating competition.

Participation

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

- SMC Y9 internal debating competition
- CSDC inter-school competition
- SMC House Debating competition
- Tournaments such as Canterbury Junior Regionals and Nga Kete.
- Chairing and assisting at House Debating or when hosting CSDC inter-school debates.

Service

A student will be expected to have actively supported Debating in the school community by, for example:

- Starting up new Debating initiatives in school
- Assisting the Debating teachers when required
- Being an active member of Debate Club
- Being a positive advocate for Debating and the Arts at St Margaret's College

Attitude

The attitude of those who receive Pockets 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 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 an Oratory Pocket in Debating by filling in a 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 made at a scheduled assembly during the year.*

Oratory Pocket Award (Public Speaking)

To achieve an Oratory Pocket Award in Public Speaking, the student needs to satisfy the following criteria.

Skill / Achievement

(Must achieve in at least two areas or one of the following on more than one occasion)

- Winner or finalist in school speech competition (Myers' Cup, Gosset Cup, Toomer Trophy).
- Finalist in national or inter-school competitions (eg RSA ANZAC, Rotary, Jaycees...)
- School representative speaker at special events.

Participation

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

- Annual school speech competition
- SMC House Debating competition
- Inter-school or community speech competitions
- School representative speaker at special events
- Debating Club

Service Criteria

A student will be expected to have actively supported Public Speaking in the school community by, for example:

- Starting up new Public Speaking initiatives in school.
- Assisting the Debating/English teachers when required.
- Being an active member of Debate Club.
- Being an active advocate for Debating, Public Speaking and the Arts at St Margaret's College.

Attitude

The attitude of those who receive Pockets 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 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 an Oratory Pocket in Public Speaking by filling in a 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 TIC Debating / Curriculum Leader in English, 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 made at a scheduled assembly during the year.*

ORATORY 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 Debating at 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

ORATORY HONOURS AWARD

REFEREE'S SUPPORTING SUMMARY

Applicant: _____

Referee: _____

Please comment on the following:

Attendance:

Participation:

Work Ethic:

Debating Ability:

Debating Service:

Signature

Date

ORATORY POCKET AWARD IN DEBATING

APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____ **YEAR:** _____

SKILL/ACHIEVEMENT:

1. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

2. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

PARTICIPATION: (SMC co-curricular groups & events)

1. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

2. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

SERVICE: (Your contribution to Debating at St Margaret's College)

OTHER CONTRIBUTING CRITERIA:

Signature

Date

ORATORY POCKET AWARD IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____ **YEAR:** _____

SKILL/ACHIEVEMENT:

1. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

2. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

PARTICIPATION: (SMC co-curricular groups & events)

1. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

2. _____ **Year/s Involved** _____

SERVICE: (Your contribution to Debating at St Margaret's College)

OTHER CONTRIBUTING CRITERIA:

Signature

Date