

# Academic Honours Award

**Purpose:** To recognise outstanding academic achievement from Year 9 onwards.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for the granting of a Red Blazer for Academic Honours, a student must gain the prerequisite on one of the following:

- a Silver Tie at Year 11 NCEA or equivalent at the time of the Honours Awards (a silver tie will be awarded at the Silver Tie Assembly at the beginning of each year)
- a Silver Tie at Year 12 NCEA or equivalent at the time of the Honours Awards
- a Silver Tie for equivalent performance at Year 12 IB

In addition to the Silver Tie award, a student must meet any four of the following criteria from Year 9 onwards:

- Winning any national competition (1 point) such as:
  - Young Designer's (Technology)
  - Haiku Competition (Japanese)
  - Alliance Francaise Oral Exam
  - Laws of Life Essay competition (English / TOK)
  - Commonwealth Essay competition (English / History)
  - Ireland Essay competition (English / History)
  - Christchurch Sister Cities International Art Competition
  - Pacific Forum Line Art Competition
- Selection for a national team (1 point) such as:
  - Mathematics Olympiad
  - Chemistry Olympiad
  - New Zealand Secondary Schools' Debating
- Gaining a High Distinction (1 point), or four Distinctions (= 1 point) in a competition such as:
  - Australian Languages Competition
  - Australian (ICAS) English
  - Mathematics
  - Chemistry
  - Science
- Canterbury Science Fair (1 pt) (Overall 2nd/3rd = ½ pt )
- Brain Bee (1pt) (Overall Individual 2nd/3rd = ½ pt )
- Delf French Competition Year 10 - A1 (80%Distinction; 90% High distinction)  
Year 11/12 A2 (80%Distinction; 90% High distinction)

- Achievement in Mathematics competitions (1pt) such as
  - Otago Junior Mathematics competition Top 200
  - Senior Mathematics Competition Top 200
  - Cantamaths (1pt top 3 regionally; ½ pt top 5 individual; 1pt top team; ½ pt top 3 team)
- Recognised / published writing (1 point) - e.g. Katherine Mansfield award)
- Having work of an outstanding nature selected for Art Exhibitions, e.g. the opening of a major gallery (1 point)
- Future Problem Solving Individual/Team title (2nd/3rd individual = ½ pt, team award = ¼ pt)
- Future Problem Solving International Competition (Qualification ¼ pt, 1pt top 5 SMC team only)
- Winner of the Myers' Cup, Toomer Cup, Gosset Trophy, (1 point)
- Gold Academic Bar (1 point)
- NCEA Scholarship Level 4 (1 point)
- University Stage 1 or higher paper A grade (1 point)
- NZ Diploma in ATCL (1 point) - can only be used for once for Academic or PA.
- Academic Excellence Cup (Prizegiving) in Y11 and Y12 (1 point)
- Top Academic Excellence Award Y9 and Y10 (½ point)
- Four of any of the following (¼ point each) - Middle School Academic Excellence Bar
  - top subject award (Prize-giving)Yr 11/12
- Any other academic competition / award / distinction which in the opinion of the Awarding Committee is worthy of inclusion (points dependent on award)
- *NB Education Perfect Awards are not included in the Academic Honours Awards*

### **Additional Criteria**

#### **1. Consistent Academic Performance**

A student must have displayed consistent academic performance such as:

- the gaining of workbars
- the meeting of deadlines
- the completion of homework

#### **2. Service Component**

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

- being a member of the Academic Committee
- being a peer tutor
- coaching debating
- coaching Cantamaths team
- helping on Curriculum Evenings and during Parent / Teacher Interview sessions
- assisting in the School Library

Note: The [Academic Service Log](#) of the 10 hours must be completed and attached to the application form. This will be available on SMC Live.

3. Students new to SMC

A students new to SMC may have their existing NCEA credits and achievements go towards the criteria of Academic Honours (authentication of awards required) for National level awards only e.g. NCEA credits

4. Recognition of awards outside of SMC

At least two of the High Distinction awards, or equivalent, contributing to the additional criteria sections must be achieved through an award outside of SMC or from National standards of recognition e.g. Cantamaths, ICAS, NCEA credits for Gold Bar.

5. Two supportive referee names (change for 2017, no reports required). The last two School reports will be used to consider high level learning attributes.

6. 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.

7. Re-award of Academic Honours

Re-awards will made if the applicant has fulfilled another set of criteria, with awards that were not included in the previous application.

May only be applied for once during the student's time at SMC

2 referee support statements are required for the current year.

Service must be contributed to from time spent after the previous year's award and must fulfil the following criteria:

10 hours of service in the academic areas of the school not used in the previous award

OR

15 hours of service from a combination of at least one academic service contribution and other areas within SMC (this criteria for Y13 only who have leadership roles outside of academic areas)

**Procedure**

- A student will apply for an Academic Honours by filling in a form provided by the Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning
- The student will print their Awards from Kamar and highlight the relevant awards to be considered
- The application will be considered by a Committee consisting of the Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning, a Senior Dean and at least three Heads of Faculty and presented to the Executive Principal for final confirmation. Any appeal to the Committee's decision must go to the Executive Principal.
- The award will be made at scheduled assemblies throughout the academic year, or for Year 13s, at any point in time after the Combined Honours Assembly. If awarded at a regular assembly, Year 13 only, parents may be invited to the assembly and for morning tea afterwards but no other 'special' aspects for the assembly will be included.
- The red blazer will be designated as Academic by the placement of silver braid on the lower left sleeve.

# Academic Honours Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Silver Tie Award (or equivalent): \_\_\_\_\_

**Other contributing criteria** with evidence from Kamar Awards print out

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

## **Academic Service**

Completed log attached

## **Consistent Academic Record**

Names of two teachers who are able to support your application in terms of consistent academic effort and impeccable work habits (no written report required)

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Note the last two School reports will be used in addition to the teacher support.