

The Honours System

The Honours System rewards students for their achievements in all aspects of their schooling. The rewards in the Honours System are based on the accumulation of merit by students. Each *calendar year* students may:

- ◆ receive a **Letter of Merit**
- ◆ have their name inscribed in the **Honour Book**
- ◆ receive an **Honour Badge**

Students who obtain an Honour Badge each year, or a total number of points that is equal to the minimum total required to receive 6 Honour Badges, will receive a **School Honour Blue**. Students who obtain 4 Honour Badges, or a total number of points equal to the minimum number required to receive 4 Honour Badges, will receive a **School Honour Pennant**.

Student Advisers will keep the necessary records for the Honours System.

Teachers may give **Merit Awards** for outstanding class work or other work not acknowledged through the school's honours system (NB - completion of homework does not warrant acknowledgement however the standard of homework, when exceptional, does).

Merit points will be awarded for:

- ❖ **achievement in each half-yearly and yearly report as determined by:**
 - the marks achieved in each subject. The marks, as a %, will be averaged and this average will be awarded as points and
 - the application achieved in each course.
- ❖ **attendance and participation in sporting activities including:**
 - school carnival events
 - finals at a school carnival
 - zone carnivals
 - regional carnivals
 - state carnivals
 - national championships
 - knockout competition teams
 - grade competition teams as well as
 - selection for Combined High Schools (CHS) teams.
- ❖ **Participation in curriculum enrichment activities such as**
 - concert bands, stage bands and the string ensemble
 - Sydney Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble
 - choir
 - dance
 - school musical
 - school musicale presentation
 - participation in any activities at state representative level
 - drama performance
 - Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
 - Mock Trial
 - debating

- Zonta and Lions Club public speaking competitions
- chess club
- *Green Years*
- MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)

❖ **Service activities**

- Prefect
- Student Representative Council
- Social Justice Committee
- Sports Council
- Arts Council
- light and sound team
- peer support
- peer tutoring
- buddy program
- Gala Day and Open Day leadership roles, and support roles for Ekuba and Annual Awards Ceremony.
- fund raising e.g. Red Cross collection
- *Green Years* magazine
- dance tutors
- Hall crew

❖ **Competitions**

- Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Languages, *Sydney Morning Herald* Writer of the Year, Computing and Sharemarket Game. Points awarded for participation and achievement.

❖ **Attendance**

❖ **Uniform**

Merit Point Achievement Levels for 2011

Stage 4

Award	Semester One	Semester Two
Letter of Merit	300	600
Honour Book		750
Honour Badge		900

Stage 5

Award	Semester One	Semester Two
Letter of Merit	250	500
Honour Book		650
Honour Badge		800

Stage 6

Calculated on the 5 best course results

Award	Semester One	Semester Two
Letter of Merit	200	400
Honour Book		550
Honour Badge		700