



## Achievement & Awards Policy

### 1. PURPOSE

To specify the Achievement Awards of the college, including the criteria and key aspects of the selection and presentation processes.

### 2. POLICY STATEMENT

Achievement Awards are awarded by the college for the purposes of:

- formally recognising Academic achievement in each calendar year
- formally recognising outstanding achievement in a range of areas which contribute to the culture of the college
- formally and publicly recognising the exceptional or distinguished contribution of an individual to the college, the broader society or a field of academic endeavour;
- enhancing the standing and reputation of the college; and
- expanding or building on existing relationships.

Achievement Awards are prestigious honours, intended to recognise substantial achievements or contributions by individuals.

Achievement Awards are approved by Council following a rigorous selection process, using specified criteria and the application of due diligence processes (including risk assessment processes) designed to protect both the recipient and the college.

To preserve their prestige, consistent with Gisborne Secondary College values, an Achievement Award will only be made to persons of appropriate achievement and standing. There is therefore no expectation or requirement to make an award in every category in any year.

Nominations must at all stages be treated confidentially. A nominee must not be advised of or consulted about their nomination at any stage.

#### Awards

Awards that may be conferred are:

**Academic Achievement Awards** - made on the recommendations of Subject Teachers and Curriculum Area Leaders. They acknowledge student who have demonstrated excellence in achievement over the year

**Endeavour Awards** – made on the recommendations of Learning Centre Leaders and Year Level Leaders to recognise outstanding effort and commitment throughout the year and are presented throughout the year

**Sports Achievement Awards** – not only recognise distinguished performance in a particular field but also excellence in attitude and contribution

**Special Awards** – acknowledge particular individual achievements and outstanding contribution to the college community and are provided by our community sponsors

### **Eligibility for Achievement Awards**

Each category of the Achievement Awards has a different focus, but all are of equal status.

The criteria for the Achievement Awards are that the person:

has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, innovation and excellent performance throughout the year

**And/or**

has made a significant contribution to the college community.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

Assistant Principal as designated by the College Principal

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review
- This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... July 2017