



CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL

Procedures for awarding annual prizes.

The following prizes are presented at their respect year level end-of-year prize giving ceremonies, as recognition and celebration of excellence. It is also recognized that such prizes can be an important motivation for students to strive for – for both the status as well as the financial rewards they provide.

These procedures are provide some clarity in how our annual prizes are awarded to students, with the aim of helping students and staff to know what is expected to achieve the top prizes. The introduction of any new annual awards must have the prior approval of the school Principal – although any changes to the school’s Premier Awards must have prior approval of the Board of Trustees.

The final decision for the awarding of all the following prizes is made by the school Principal in consultation with the year Head of School and appropriate member(s) of the SLT, and no appeals/correspondence will be considered once the decision is formally announced.

The names of award winners are confidential until announced at the year level end-of-year prize giving ceremony.

At each year level end-of-year prize giving there will be awarded the following:

- Highest academic achieving student.
- Top all-round student across both academic and co-curricular of the school
- Special prizes – which can vary for each year level due to historical gifting of prizes.

Year 13 Premier Awards:

1. ***Cartwright Prize for Academic Excellence in Year 13*** (i.e. “*The Dux*”). An award of \$2000.00, awarded to the top Year 13 student across five subjects at Level 3 NCEA or higher in that school year.
2. ***Proxime Accessit*** (i.e. *runner up to “the Dux”*). An award of \$1000.00, awarded to the second top Year 13 student across five subjects at Level 3 NCEA or higher in that school year.

Criteria for these two awards:

The decision is made by the school Principal, based on the following guidelines in this priority:

- The greatest number of Excellence and/or Merit grades attained in that year across five Level 3 NCEA subjects in that year.
- Highest placement in subject ranked lists.
- Additional academic achievements in that year (e.g. University course results);

- The academic achievement from the previous year (e.g. NZ Scholarships as a Year 12 student).
 - Any other appropriate or relevant factors available (e.g. entry into NZ Scholarships).
- 3. *The Foundation Pupils All Round Excellence Prize.*** This is a Prize of \$1,000 established by the Foundation Pupils Association for the Year 13 student who shows all round excellence in both curricular and co-curricular areas including:
- Academic, sporting, cultural achievement (including Music and Drama), and service to the school
 - Academic excellence is established from the Level 3 subject ranked lists and a short list produced by the Y13 Head of School.
 - The achievements of shortlisted students may be discussed at a staff meeting open to all staff so that additional information can be added to that held already.
 - The decision is made by the Principal in consultation with the Year 13 Head of School and the appropriate member(s) of the SLT.
 - The name of the award winner is confidential until announced at the Prize giving ceremony.
- 4. *Lynne Davis Memorial Award for Excellence in the Humanities.*** Two awards of \$1000.00, to be used for tertiary study.
- The following criteria apply:*
- Students should be pursuing tertiary study in the Humanities.
 - Students must have attended Cashmere High School for at least three years.
 - Students have shown excellence in the Arts areas (particularly History, English, Geography, Classics).
 - Participation in and contribution to the cultural life of the school, particularly e.g. Drama, Debating, Music.
- 5. *Fraser and Tonkin Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics/Sciences.*** Two awards of \$1000.00, to be used for tertiary study.
- The following criteria apply:*
- Students should be pursuing tertiary study in Maths/Sciences at Canterbury University the following year.
 - Students must have been resident in New Zealand or the Pacific Islands for the last 5 years.
 - Students have shown excellence in the Maths and/or Science areas.
 - The decision is made by the Principal in consultation with Faculty Heads for Mathematics and Sciences in conjunction with the Year 13 Head of School.
 - The names of the award winners are confidential until announced at the Graduation Ceremony.
- 6. *Hugh McDougall Rankin Science Scholarship.*** This award presented from the Hugh McDougall Rankin Education Trust is to encourage and reward the high performance of Year 13 Science students in State Secondary Schools in Christchurch. Hugh's aim was to support students of the Sciences to further their education in order to contribute to the technological wealth of New Zealand.
- This is a scholarship worth \$2,000 (in 2007, but adjusted annually according to

the CIP A11 Index).

Students eligible for this award will be:

- Students resident in Christchurch, New Zealand and who have attended Cashmere High School (a state secondary school in Christchurch) for a total of not less than four full school years.
- Students who have been born in New Zealand and has been a permanent resident of New Zealand for a period of no less than five continuous years prior to the date of the award.
- Students must be aged twenty years or younger to receive this award.

In the event of a first equal situation the money is to be split equally between the students. There shall be one award per school per year. The student is to be confirmed and certified by the Science Department of the school.

High performance of a Year 13 student is defined as the student with the most Level 3 Science credits (from either internally assessed Achievement Standards or Unit Standards or practice exams with the best quality passes).

7. Leadership Cup. Awarded to one Year 13 student who has attended Cashmere HS for at least three years. The student will have achieved/demonstrated some or all of the following:

- Initiative in leadership roles within the school.
- Contributed to Sport, Music, Drama and/or other activities as a coach, umpire or manager
- Represented Cashmere High School student opinion to outside agencies/school community
- The Year 13 Head of School compiles a shortlist and asks staff for additional names and comments
- The decision is made by the Principal in association with the Year 13 Head of School

8. Other Year 13 Special Prizes

Excellence in the Social Sciences- Developing the intellect and character of our students

The Social Sciences will offer a graduating prize for the top Social Scientist in Year 13. The intention of this prize is to celebrate student success - unique to the Faculty of the Social Sciences. The award would be for an academic student who predominately studies within the Social Science learning area. Final decision for this award will be made by the Principal in consultation with the Head of Faculty of Social Science based on the following guidelines:

- Highest placement in relevant Social Science subject ranked lists based upon GPAs (Grade point averages of assessed grades)
- Students must have attended Cashmere High School for at least two years.
- Students should have received excellence grades in all relevant Social Science subjects.
- Preference will be given to students who study three Social Science subjects in at least two of the three learning areas.
- Participation in and contribution to the cultural life of the Social Science Faculty and school will also be considered.

Commerce Cup – Peter Shore Cup

Awarded to the top Year 13 students across UB subjects of Accounting and Economics:

- The Head of School Year 13 makes a shortlist from ranked lists of the subjects in consultation with the teachers who have responsibility for these subjects.
- The decision is made by the Principal on recommendation from the Year 13 HOS.

Garry Thin Trophy for Academic Music - This award is for the student who has shown the highest level of excellence in a music curriculum course for each of the five years (Years 9-13) while at Cashmere High School.

Oded Nathan Trophy for Mathematician of the Year

Sonja Harkerss Memorial Trophy for Dedication to the Fine Arts in Y13

Margaret Hudson-Ware Cup for Excellence in Year 13 Painting

Nicola Hair Trophy for Contribution to Senior Physical Education

Kahukura Cup for Creative Writing

The Denise Winskill Spoken Word Performance Poetry Prize

Library Prize for Service to the Library

Y13 Citizenship Trophy for Community Service

Heads of Houses

Head Students

Deputy Head Students

9. Other Senior Prizes

Award for Enhancing International Relationships in the School

An award of a book voucher donated by the International Faculty.

Awarded to a Year 13 or Year 12 student who has achieved most of the following:

- Assisted international students with orientation to the school.
- Organised and supported events for international students within the school.
- Encouraged younger students of international background with their study and in co-curricular activities.
- Demonstrated cultural sensitivity and willingness to bridge cultural differences.
- The decision is made by the Principal on recommendation from Heads of School (International, Y12 and Y13), ESL teachers, Peer Leader Trainers and the Co-ordinator of International Students.

Senior Maori Speech Trophy – Speech in Maori

Senior Maori Speech Trophy – Speech in English

Carville Cup for Senior Public Speaking

Robert Clemence Memorial Cup for best overall contribution to Outdoor Education

Doris Lusk Trophy for Excellence in Drawing

Student Council Cup

Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Year 12 Premier Awards:

1. **Chapman Cup for Academic Excellence in Year 12.** This award includes \$500 paid at the start of Year 13 at Cashmere High School, awarded to the top academic Year 12 student across five subjects at Level 2 NCEA or higher in that school year.

Criteria for this award:

The decision is made by the school Principal, based on the following guidelines in this priority:

- The greatest number of Excellence and/or Merit grades attained in that year across five Level 2 subjects in that year.
 - Highest placement in subject ranked lists.
 - Additional academic achievements in that year (e.g. Level 3 NCEA or University course results);
 - The academic achievement from the previous year.
 - Any other appropriate or relevant factors available (e.g. entry into NZ Scholarships).
2. **McCombs Scholarship Award.** "The TH McCombs Scholarship was established by the Cashmere High School P.T.A. for the purpose of encouraging pupils to further their education at Cashmere High School. It recognises the esteem in which Sir Terence McCombs was held by his students, parents and those who were associated with the school during his 17 years as the first Headmaster."

The Scholarship is:

- An award of \$200.00 for each student, at the start of their Year 13 at Cashmere High School.
 - Awarded to a boy and a girl who have in Year 12 shown the greatest all round excellence in such areas as academic ability, participation in sport, clubs, cultural activities and service to the school.
 - Presented by the winners of the award in the previous year.
 - Academic excellence is established from Level 2 subject ranked lists and a shortlist produced by the Year 12 HOS.
 - Names of those shortlisted are posted.
 - The achievements of shortlisted students may be discussed at a staff meeting open to all staff so that additional information can be added to that held already.
 - The decision is made by the Principal, in consultation with the Year 12 HOS and appropriate member(s) of the SLT.
 - The names of the award winners are confidential until announced at the Senior Prize giving.
3. **Other Year 12 Special Prizes**
Year 12 Citizenship Award
Year 12 Student Council Representatives
Malcolm Anderson Trophy for Creative Writing at Year 12
Alexander Prize for Year 12 Media

Year 11 Premier Awards:

- 1. *The Murdoch Prize for Academic Excellence in Year 11.*** Awarded to the top academic Year 11 student across five subjects at Level 1 NCEA or higher in that school year.

Criteria for this award:

The decision is made by the school Principal, based on the following guidelines in this priority:

- The greatest number of Excellence and/or Merit grades attained in that year across five Level 1 subjects in that year.
 - Highest placement in subject ranked lists.
 - Additional academic achievements in that year (e.g. Level 2 NCEA);
 - The academic achievement from the previous year.
 - Any other appropriate or relevant factors available (e.g. ICAS results).
- 2. *Year 11 All Round Excellence Cup.*** An award for the Year 11 student showing all round excellence, including:
 - Academic, sporting, cultural achievement, including Music and Drama
 - Academic excellence is established from the Level 1 subject ranked lists and a short list produced by the Y11 Head of School.
 - The achievements of shortlisted students may be discussed at a staff meeting open to all staff so that additional information can be added to that held already.
 - The decision is made by the Principal in consultation with the Year 11 Head of School and the appropriate member(s) of the SLT.
 - The name of the award winner is confidential until announced at the Prize giving ceremony.

1. Other Year 11 Special Prizes

Dimmock Cup for Creative Writing

Excellence in Year 11 Art

Year 11 Citizenship Trophy

Year 11 Student Council Representatives

Junior Prizes

Core subject teachers at Year 9 and 10 are to provide HOS with a list of the top ten (10) students in each class.

A first for each core subject (i.e. English, Maths, Science, Social Studies, PE/Health) will be awarded and then 2 x Excellence Awards will be awarded to the next best students showing excellence across all of the core subjects.

Each half year option class will have 1 x First award to give out.

Each full year option class will have 1 x First and 1 x Excellence award to give out. A faculty may, in consultation with the HOS, decide a different way to give out the number of awards earned in this manner to students across the subject.

In 9TEC 1-2 Excellences to be given out per class for the students who have attained the best results across the 4 areas of Technology.

The HOS has the final discretion in terms of numbers of awards given