

# Honours and Contribution Awards



Middle School (Years 7-10)

## General Information

1. *In line with the aspirations of our Graduate Profile and guided by our Touchstones, the College wishes to recognise its students' outstanding contribution and exceptional achievement in various College activities – Academic, Arts, Cultural and Sporting - to confirm the pursuit of excellence in a holistic model of education, the value of commitment and building self-esteem in students.*
2. *Students in the Middle School can be awarded Middle School Contribution and Middle School Honours Awards for their achievements.*
3. *Middle School Contribution and Middle School Honours can be attained simultaneously if the criteria for each award have been met.*
4. *Awards can only be received once in each category.*

## Middle School Honours Criteria

### Academic Honours

*The awarding of Middle School Academic Honours is via the following criteria:*

1. *An outstanding contribution to Academic competitions. This can be awarded to students for placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a regional academic competition, e.g. speech competitions, YIA.*
  - a. *If the competition has fewer than five competitors, Middle School Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place. If the competition has more than five but less than ten competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. For competitions with more than ten competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.*
  - b. *Students must have performed to a high standard and displayed a positive approach and total respect for their team/group and the adult(s) in charge of the activity.*

### Arts Honours

*Middle School Arts Honours can be attained through achievement and performance in Visual Art, Music and the Performing Arts and is via the following criteria:*

1. *An outstanding achievement in an Arts /competition/endeavour and /or have placed (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>) at regional level in an activity.*
  - a. *If the competition has fewer than five competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place. If the competition has more than five but less than ten competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. For competitions with more than ten competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>*

- place. Examples include, but are not limited to, PACANZ (Performing Arts Competitions Association of NZ Inc) competition in Dance, Music or Drama.
- b. Students must have performed to a high standard and displayed a positive approach and total respect for their team/group/ensemble and the adult(s) in charge of the activity.
2. Students who have been selected, through an open trial process, for the premier regional representative group/ensemble.
  3. Music, Speech and Drama examinations and contributions to Musical Theatre productions will also be considered.
    - a. The Director of Music and Performing Arts has specific criteria to determine recipients. Applications are to be made to the Director of Music and Performing Arts to assess the achievement(s).
  4. Middle School students have performed in competition as part of the senior premier ensemble/group offered by Aquinas College for one year.
    - a. Students must have attended all practice sessions and team/group meetings as directed by the activity's Teacher in Charge unless injury, illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring.
    - b. Students must have performed to a high standard and displayed a positive approach and total respect for their team/group and the adult(s) in charge of the activity.

### **Cultural Honours**

Cultural Honours can be attained through achievement and performance in Cultural Performing Arts and are via the following criteria:

1. Outstanding achievement in a cultural activity/competition/endeavour. This is awarded to a student for placing in regional cultural competitions, e.g. Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competition, Chanel Shield, Pasifika Speech competition.
  - a. If the competition has fewer than five competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place. If the competition has more than five but less than ten competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. For competitions with more than ten competitors, Honours will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
  - b. Students must have performed to a high standard and displayed a positive approach and total respect for their rōpū/team/group and the adult(s) in charge of the activity.
2. Students must have performed in the premier rōpū/group offered by Aquinas College for one year, e.g. Kapa Haka.
  - a. Students must have attended all practice sessions and rōpū/group meetings as directed by the activity's Teacher in Charge. (Unless illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring).
  - b. Students must have performed to a high standard, displayed a positive approach to their rōpū/group and total respect for the Teacher or staff member in charge of the activity.

### **Sport Honours**

The awarding of Middle School Sport Honours is via the following criteria:

1. An outstanding achievement in an individual sport: specific criteria are held by the Director of Sport.

2. *Students who have been selected, through an open trial process, for the premier regional age-grade representative sports team.*
3. *Students must have been a full-time member of a Premier Sports Team for one season.*
  - a. *Students should have played all of the season's fixtures unless injury, illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring.*
  - b. *Students must have attended all training sessions and team meetings for the season as directed by their team coach or the Teacher in Charge of the sport unless injury, illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring.*
  - c. *Students must have performed to a high standard, displayed a positive approach to their team and have total respect for their coach and other members of the team's support staff.*
  - d. *Students must have adhered to school rules and fair play charter throughout the season.*
4. *An outstanding achievement in a sport not offered by the College.*
  - a. *The Director of Sport has specific criteria to use in determining recipients. Applications are to be made to the Director of Sport to assess the achievement(s).*

## Middle School Contribution Awards Criteria

### Academic Contribution

The awarding of Middle School Academic Contribution awards is via the following criteria:

1. *Students must represent the College for three out of the possible four years in academic competitions (e.g. EPro8, Kids' Lit Quiz).*
  - a. *Students must have demonstrated total commitment and attended all practice sessions and team/group meetings as directed by the activity's Teacher/Parent in Charge unless injury, illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring.*
  - b. *Students must have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the team or group members and the adults supporting the team or group.*
  - c. *Students must have contributed an excellent effort and commitment throughout their participation.*
2. *An outstanding contribution to an Academic activity/competition/endeavour outside the College. This is awarded to a student for exceptional participation in an Academic activity/competition/endeavour, provided they can evidence the requisite three years of participation and contribution as outlined above.*

### Arts Contribution

The awarding of Middle School Arts Contribution awards is via the following criteria:

1. *Students must contribute and perform for three out of the possible four years in Visual Art, Music, Drama, Dance and/or the Performing Arts, e.g. PACANZ (Performing Arts Competitions Association of NZ Inc) competition in Dance, Music or Drama. Music, Speech and Drama examinations, Musical Theatre productions.*

- a. *Students must have demonstrated total commitment and attended all practice sessions and team/group/rōpū/ensemble meetings as directed by the activity's Teacher/Parent in Charge unless injury, illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring.*
  - b. *Students must have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the sport, rōpū, activity, ensemble or group members and coaches/TIC.*
  - c. *Students must have contributed an excellent effort and commitment throughout their participation.*
2. *An outstanding contribution to an Arts activity/competition/endeavour outside the College. This is awarded to a student for exceptional participation in an Arts activity/competition/endeavour, provided they can evidence the requisite three years of participation and contribution as outlined above.*

### **Cultural Contribution**

*The awarding of Middle School Cultural Contribution awards is via the following criteria:*

1. *Students must represent the College for three out of the possible four years in cultural competitions (e.g. Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competition, Pasifika Speech competition, Chanel Shield, Kapa Haka).*
  - a. *Students must have demonstrated total commitment and attended all practice sessions and team/group meetings as directed by the activity's Teacher/Parent in Charge unless injury, illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring.*
  - b. *Students must have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the team or group members and the adults supporting the team or group.*
  - c. *Students must have contributed an excellent effort and commitment throughout their participation.*
2. *An outstanding contribution to a Cultural activity/competition/endeavour outside the College. This is awarded to a student for exceptional participation in a Cultural activity/competition/endeavour, provided they can evidence the requisite three years of participation and contribution as outlined above.*

### **Sport Contribution**

*The awarding of Middle School Sport Contribution awards is via the following criteria:*

1. *Students must represent the College for three out of the possible four years in sport teams and/or competitions.*
  - a. *Students must have demonstrated total commitment and attended all practice sessions and team/group meetings as directed by the activity's Teacher/Parent in Charge unless injury, illness or other notified absence has prevented this from occurring.*
  - b. *Students must have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the team or group members and the adults supporting the team or group.*
  - c. *Students must have contributed an excellent effort and commitment throughout their participation.*
  - d. *Students must have adhered to school rules and fair play charter throughout the season.*
2. *An outstanding contribution to a sport outside the College. This is awarded to a student for exceptional participation in a sport activity/competition/endeavour, provided they can evidence the requisite three years of participation and contribution as outlined above.*

*NB: A student can be awarded Middle School Contribution for participation in various activities in each of the four award areas. For example, a student who represents the College in Hockey in Year 7 and then Netball in Years 8 & 9 will be awarded their Middle School Contribution award in Sport assuming criteria a), b), & c) above are met.*

## The Process

*The following process will be used for the awarding of Middle School Contribution and Honours Awards:*

- 1. When a student believes they have met the criteria outlined above for Contribution and/or Honours, they will have the opportunity to complete an awards nomination form.*
- 2. Students' evidence of participation and/or achievement will be reviewed from their STAMSA Progressions on SchoolPoint.*
- 3. Through a process of discussion and revision and adhering to the selection criteria, a list of nominees will be sent to the Deputy Principal Middle School (Academic) / Director of Music and Performing Arts (Arts) / Māori and Pasifika Mentor (Cultural) / Director of Sport (Sport).*
  - a. Where a nomination has not been accepted, this will be communicated to the student with reasons.*
- 4. Students have the opportunity to lodge a written appeal with the Deputy Principal Middle School (Academic) / Director of Music and Performing Arts (Arts) / Māori and Pasifika Mentor (Cultural) / Director of Sport (Sport) if they believe this decision is incorrect.*
- 5. The Deputy Principal (Middle School, Director of Sport, Arts Coordinator or Māori and Pasifika Mentor) will discuss the appeal with the student, individual committee members, team coach/team manager, and/or Teacher in Charge.*
- 6. Final lists of award winners are submitted to the Deputy Principal of the Middle School for discussion with the Principal.*
- 7. The Principal gives final approval of awards.*
  - a. Any further revision of this list by the Principal will be explained to affected students by the Deputy Principal Middle School (Academic) / Director of Music and Performing Arts (Arts) / Māori and Pasifika Mentor (Cultural) / Director of Sport (Sport).*
- 8. Awards will be presented to students at an assembly or prizegiving as appropriate, e.g. School assembly, year level assembly, Matariki celebration, Arts Week etc.*

## Middle School Badges

*Academic*

*Arts*

*Cultural*

*Sport*

*Honours*



*Contribution*

