



STUDENT AWARDS POLICY

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Context:

1. The Student Awards Policy is governed by the Accountability & Improvement Sub-Committee of School Council.
2. Awards will be presented at an Awards Ceremony in the last week of Term 4:
 - Years 7 to -11
 - Year 12
 - Alternate Programs
3. All students are to wear their full school uniform to Awards Ceremonies.
4. All awards are to be approved by the Accountability & Improvement Sub-Committee of School Council, before they can be included in the Awards Ceremony.
5. Award winners from each year level will be invited on stage and presented with their awards. Short citations, where applicable will be read out (no longer than 50 words).
6. Any additional awards are to be submitted no later than the end of Term 1 for inclusion in the relevant Award Ceremony.
7. All nominations for performances at Awards Ceremonies must be submitted no later than the end of Term 2 for inclusion.
8. The Accountability & Improvement Sub-Committee will review and possibly modify the format of the Award Ceremonies and awards included on an annual basis.
9. In making awards to students, the school welcomes the sponsorship of organisations and individuals, while reserving the right to determine the purpose for which awards are made.
10. Any cash prizes awarded will be strictly from businesses or organisations outside of Horsham College. All Horsham College funded awards will take the form of vouchers or contributions towards school-based camps and/or excursions, or in the case of Year 12s, reimbursement for expenses related to further education in the two years following receipt of the award.
11. All recipients of awards must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator by the first Friday in December.

The awards, and the criteria and process used for selecting the recipients of these awards, will be as described below.

List of Awards

The following are the Awards available for students to receive:

Number	Description	Number of Awards
1	Encouragement Awards – Years 7 and 8	2
2	Music Award – Junior Year 7 – 9	1
3	Carol Hale Memorial Award - Year 8	1
4	Awards for Excellence in Performing Arts – Junior and Senior	2
5	Indigenous Encouragement Awards – Junior and Senior	2
6	Public Speaking Award – Junior and Senior	2
7	Sue Williams Memorial Award – Year 9	1
8	Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship Award – Year 10	Up to 3
9	Mallee Excellence Award – Year 10	1
10	Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award – Year 10 & 12	Up to 2
11	Australian Defence Force – Future Innovators Award – Year 10 & Year 12	Up to 2
12	Australian Olympic Change Maker Award – Year 10 to 12	Up to 2
13	Michael Giddings Music Award – Senior - Year 10 to 12	1
14	Glancy Scholarships – Years 7 to 11	10: 2 per year level (Year 7 to 11)
15	Awards for Excellence in Sport – Years 7 to 12	2 per year level
16	Val Finch Writing Awards – Overall winner Years 7 - 12	1
17	High Academic Standards Awards – Years 7 to 12 (Top 5 students in each year level)	30
18	VCE Vocational Major - Excellence Awards	2
19	VET Excellence Awards	2
20	Claude Brand Citizenship Award – Year 12	1
21	Presentation of Year 12 certificates – VCE and VCE VM students	Year 12 students
22	Year 12 Subject Awards: English, Maths, Sciences, Technology, Health/Physical Education/Outdoor Education, Humanities/Languages and Arts	7
23	Barry Bardell Shield – House Award	1
24	Year 12 Ampol Best All Rounder Award	1
25	Horsham College Tertiary Scholarships (2) – Year 12	2
26	Dux of School – Year 12	1

List of Additional Awards for 2023

The following are the Awards available for students to receive:

Number	Description	Number of Awards
1	O'Brien and Smith Lawyers: Top Legal Studies Award	1
2	GWM Water: Science – Innovation Award	1

List of Awards - Alternate Programs

The following are the Awards available for students to receive:

Number	Description	Number of Awards
ALT 1	Chaplaincy Committee Top Achiever for Alternative Programs (All Programs) Award	1
ALT 2	Horsham Rural City Council Engagement Award (Senior Program)	1
ALT 3	Chaplaincy Committee Top Engagement Award (Junior Programs)	1
ALT 4a-e	LLEN Alternate Programs School Values Awards	6

Specific details of individual Awards:

1. Encouragement Awards

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Year 7 (1) and student from Year 8 (1)
Criteria:	Awarded to students who have consistently worked to the best of their ability and made the most of the educational opportunities available to them. SEQTA merits and values awarded to students can be used as a guide.
Selection Procedure:	The successful student is selected by each sub school leader after requesting recommendations from level coordinators. Citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, and a certificate

2. Music Award – Junior

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Year 7 to 9 (1)
Criteria:	This award is given to a student who learns an instrument or voice through the school and who performs in a school ensemble. The recipient intends to continue their musical education through the school in the following year.
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Arts Learning Area Coordinator who will delegate the allocation of the award to the Music department. No citation
Award:	\$100.00 value, and a certificate

3. Carol Hale Memorial Award

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Year 8 (1)
Criteria:	This award is in honour of Carol Hale, former IT Manager, who consistently demonstrated outstanding care, support and advocacy for students and staff at Horsham College. This award is given to a Year 8 student for the purpose of upgrading their laptop to support their learning and access to education. This award is given to a student in Year 8 who reflects and demonstrates Carol's exemplary care, support and advocacy of others.
Selection Procedure:	This award is overseen by the Assistant Principal of Years 7 & 8 who will delegate the allocation of the award to the Student Engagement and Wellbeing team. Citation.
Award:	\$250.00 credit on school account

4. Awards for Excellence in Performing Arts – Junior and Senior

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Years 7 to 9 (1) and student from Years 10 to 12 (1)
Criteria:	Students eligible for this award must have participated in the Horsham College Musical Production as one of the cast, crew or orchestra members
Selection Procedure:	The Production Committee will be responsible for the final decision of this award. Nominations for the award will be received from staff involved with the production. Evidence will be collected and collated to substantiate that the nominated student has satisfied the criteria. Citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, and a certificate

5. Indigenous Encouragement Awards - Junior and Senior

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Years 7 to 9 (1) and student from Years 10 to 12 (1)
Criteria:	The Indigenous Encouragement Award is awarded to a student who has consistently worked to the best of their ability and made the most of the educational opportunities available to them.
Selection Procedure:	The successful student is selected by each sub school leader after requesting recommendations from Year Level Coordinators. Citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, and a certificate

6. Public Speaking Award – Junior & Senior

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Years 7 to 9 (1) and student from Years 10 to 12 (1)
Criteria:	Awarded to a student for excellence in public speaking.
Selection Procedure:	Student to be chosen by English Learning Area Head in conjunction with the relevant English staff. No citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, and a certificate

7. Sue Williams Memorial Award

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Year 9 (1)
Criteria:	This award is in honour of Sue Williams, former member of staff of Horsham College. Sue demonstrated strong leadership and advocacy for students and staff over many years of employment and service to the College and the community, and had significant involvement in a multitude of local community services and programs. This award is given to a student in Year 9 who reflects and demonstrates Sue's exemplary leadership skills.
Selection Procedure:	This award is overseen by the Assistant Principal of Years 9 & 10, who will delegate the allocation of the award to the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Team. Citation.
Award:	\$250.00 credit on school account

8. Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship Award

Sponsor:	University of Melbourne
Year Level:	Year 10 student (up to 3)
Criteria:	The Kwong Lee Dow is a scholarship awarded by The University of Melbourne. The scholarship enables students to advance enrolment to The University of Melbourne (if all prerequisites are met), access to the university library, access to overseas study, relocation allowances and the ability to attend exclusive activities and events. The scholarship is open to students in Year 10 on the basis of their endorsement by the college, their academic performance, community contribution and leadership skills.
Selection Procedure:	Students to be chosen by Level Coordinators. Citation.
Award:	Certificate

9. Year 10 Mallee 'Excellence' Award

Sponsor:	Anne Webster, Member for Mallee
Year Level:	Student from Year 10 (1)
Criteria:	Awarded to a student who displays leadership and honest endeavour in sport, academic pursuits and school activities
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Year 10 team. No citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, book & certificate

10. ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award

Sponsor:	Australian Defence Force
Year Level:	Student from Year 10 (1) and student from Year 12 (1)
Criteria:	One student in Years 10 & 12 may be presented with a monetary award provided by the Australian Defence Force, to acknowledge the achievements of young people who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork either within our school or the wider community. Guidelines provided by the ADF will be used to assist in determining the recipients of these awards.
Selection Procedure:	Students to be chosen by Level Coordinators. No citation.
Award:	The award will take the form of a certificate and cheque from Australian Defence Force

11. ADF – Future Innovators Award

Sponsor:	Australian Defence Force
Year Level:	Student from Year 10 (1) and student from Year 12 (1)
Criteria:	One student in Years 10 & 12 may be presented with a monetary award provided by the Australian Defence Force, to recognise science and mathematical abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities within Defence. Guidelines provided by the ADF will be used to assist in determining the recipients of these awards.
Selection Procedure:	Students to be chosen by Year Level Coordinators. No citation.
Award:	The award will take the form of a certificate and cheque from Defence Force

12. Australian Olympic Change Maker Award

Sponsor:	Australian Olympic Change Maker Award
Year Level:	Students from Years 10 to 12 (up to 2)
Criteria:	Awarded to a student/s who has participated actively in the school physical education program with a consistently positive attitude and demonstrated the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic movement. At some stage throughout Year 7 to 12 the selected student must have represented the school in at least one sport on the current Olympic program and participated in at least two other sports (individual or team). The student can only receive this award on one occasion. This award was previously known as the Pierre de Coubertin award.
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Learning Area Head – Health & Physical Education. Citation.
Award:	Certificate

13. Michael Giddings Music Award – Senior

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Years 10 to 12 (1)
Criteria:	The Michael Giddings Music Award is awarded each year to a senior music student who has shown leadership, progress and a willingness to contribute to the Music department.
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Arts Learning Area Coordinator, who will delegate the allocation of the award to the Music department. Citation.
Award:	\$200.00 value, and a certificate

14. Glancy Scholarships

Sponsor:	Glancy Family
Year Level:	Students from Years 7 to 11 (2 per year level – no gender requirement)
Criteria:	Awarded to students who display sound achievements in studies, high standards of behavior, good attendance, sporting and/or school involvement. Please refer to the Glancy Trust Policy.
Selection Procedure:	Students to be chosen by Year Level Coordinators. Citation.
Award:	The award will take the form of a certificate and \$500.00 Years 10 & 11, \$450.00 Years 8 & 9 and \$350.00 Year 7

15. Awards for Excellence in Sport:

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Students from Years 7 to 12 (2 per year level)
Criteria:	Students who have competed and earned the right to represent the College at State or National Championships or students who have achieved a high level of performance across multiple school sports. Two students from each year level. No citation.
Selection Procedure:	Sports Coordinator/s to allocate awards
Award:	Pennant and certificate

16. Val Finch Writing Award

Sponsor:	Horsham College English Learning Area
Year Level:	Student from Years 7 to 12 (1 award - overall winner)
Criteria:	Awarded to a student who enters the Val Finch Writing competition and who has excelled in various writing aspects
Selection Procedure:	Student to be chosen by English Learning Area Head in conjunction with the relevant English staff. No citation.
Award:	Overall winner – certificate, writer’s compendium and stationery items to the value of \$275.00

17. High Academic Standards Awards

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Students from Years 7 to 11 (5 per year level)
Criteria:	Awarded to students who have the highest number of distinctions generated by SEQTA. The award will be presented to the top five (5) students in each year level.
Selection Procedure:	Awards will be calculated by the Leading Teacher of Reporting. No citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, and a certificate

18. VCE - Vocational Major Excellence Awards

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Students from Years 10 to 12 (2)
Criteria:	These awards are given to students who excel in their particular VCE-VM Units.
Selection Procedure:	Students chosen by VCE-VM LT/AP. Citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, and a certificate

19. VET Excellence Awards

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Students from Years 10 to 12 (2)
Criteria:	These awards are given to students who excel in their particular VET subject/s.
Selection Procedure:	Students chosen by VET Coordinator. Citation.
Award:	\$75.00 value, and a certificate

20. Claude Brand Citizenship Award – Year 12

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Year 12 (1)
Criteria:	Presented to a student for leadership in the community and school.
Selection Procedure:	Student selected by Year 12 Coordinator in consultation with the Year 12 team. Citation.
Award:	Shield, \$150.00 value, and a certificate

21. Presentation of Year 12 Certificates - VCE and VCE-VM students

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Year 12 students
Criteria:	Successful completion of a VCE or VCE-VM certificate
Selection Procedure:	Awarded to students who have successfully completed VCE or VCE-VM. VCE Coordinator, Leading Teacher and Year 12 Coordinators. No citation.
Award:	Certificate

22. Year 12 Subject Awards

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Students from Year 11 or Year 12 (7) – Units 3/4 VCE
Criteria:	Awarded to students with the highest study score in seven academic areas: (1) English, (2) Maths, (3) Sciences, (4) Technology, (5) Health/Physical Education/Outdoor Education, (6) Humanities/Languages and (7) Arts
Selection Procedure:	Student to be chosen by the VCE Coordinator. No citation.
Award:	\$50.00 value, and a certificate

23. Barry Bardell Shield - Year 12

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Winning House Captains
Criteria:	Presented to the winning House Captains who gain the most points through athletics, cross country, swimming and school production
Selection Procedure:	Award calculated by an allocated member of staff. No citation.
Award:	Shield

24. Year 12 Ampol Best All Rounder Award

Sponsor:	Ampol
Year Level:	Student from Year 12 (1)
Criteria:	Awarded to a student who displays leadership and honest endeavour in sport, academic pursuits and school activities.
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Year 12 and VCE Coordinators. Citation.
Award:	Medal, certificate and \$150.00 value

25. Horsham College Tertiary Scholarships

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Students from Year 12 (2)
Criteria:	The Horsham College Tertiary Scholarships are presented to Horsham College students wishing to undertake tertiary studies; and who have, in the face of adversity, displayed excellent behaviour and attendance throughout their VCE. These monetary awards are contingent on the student's acceptance of a university place.
Selection Procedure:	Students selected by Year 12 Coordinator in consultation with the Year 12 team. Citation.
Award:	Certificate and reimbursement of up to \$1,500.00 on proof of University placement and presentation of receipts for university expenses. A further \$1,000.00 reimbursement of university related expenses after successful completion of first year of university studies.

26. Dux of School – Year 12

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Student from Year 12 (1)
Criteria:	Awarded to the student with the highest Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank (ATAR)
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Year 12 and VCE Coordinators. Citation and response of Dux.
Award:	Medal, certificate and \$500.00 value

Additional Awards for 2023

O'Brien and Smith Lawyers – Top Legal Studies Award

Sponsor:	O'Brien and Smith Lawyers
Year Level:	Student from Year 11 or 12 (1) – Units 3/4 VCE Legal Studies
Criteria:	Awarded to the student with the highest study score for Unit 3/4 Legal Studies
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Year 12 and VCE Coordinators. No citation.
Award:	\$200.00 and Certificate

GWM Water: Science – Innovation Award – Year 11 or 12

Sponsor:	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water
Year Level:	Student from Year 11 or 12
Criteria:	Awarded to a VCE student to recognise achievement in Science and/or Innovation
Selection Procedure:	This award will be overseen by the Learning Area Head - Science. No citation.
Award:	Certificate and \$100 book voucher (Redrock Books)

Alternate Programs Awards:

1. Chaplaincy Committee Top Achiever for Alternate Programs (All Programs) Award

Sponsor:	Horsham College Chaplaincy Committee
Year Level:	Alternate Programs (All Programs)
Criteria:	The Top Achiever for Alternate Programs (All Programs) Award is provided to a student across any of the Alternate Programs who has shown outstanding progress towards their secondary school completion, based on attitude, application to work and achievement of VPC or VCE-VM Credits.
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by Alternate Program staff, and jointly selected by an Assistant Principal and a representative from the Chaplaincy Committee.
Award:	Certificate and \$350.00
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

2. Horsham Rural City Council Engagement Award (Senior Program)

Sponsor:	Horsham Rural City Council
Year Level:	Senior Program
Criteria:	The Senior Program Top Engagement Award is provided to a student in the Senior Program who has shown outstanding effort and attendance towards their schooling.
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by Senior Program staff and jointly selected by Senior Program Leading Teacher, an Assistant Principal and a representative from Horsham Rural City Council.
Award:	Certificate and \$200.00
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

3. Chaplaincy Committee Top Engagement Award (Junior Programs)

Sponsor:	Horsham College Chaplaincy Committee
Year Level:	McKenzie Creek and Blue Group
Criteria:	The Junior Program Top Engagement Award is provided to a student in the McKenzie Creek and Blue Group programs who has shown outstanding effort and attendance towards their schooling.
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by McKenzie Creek and Blue Group staff, and jointly selected by an Assistant Principal and a representative from the Chaplaincy Committee.
Award:	Certificate and \$150.00
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

4. LLEN Alternate Programs School Values Awards

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Sponsor:	Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning Employment Network
Year Level:	McKenzie Creek
Criteria:	Awarded to a McKenzie Creek student that has shown excellent endeavour in their studies consistent with the Horsham College school values.
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by Alternate Programs staff and selected by the Leading Teachers of Alternate Programs.
Award:	Certificate and \$50.00
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

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Sponsor:	Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning Employment Network
Year Level:	McKenzie Creek - Blue
Criteria:	Awarded to a McKenzie Creek Blue student who has shown excellent endeavour in their studies consistent with the Horsham College school values.
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by Alternate Programs staff and selected by the Leading Teachers of Alternate Programs.
Award:	Certificate and \$50.00
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

4c

Sponsor:	Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning Employment Network
Year Level:	Young Mums
Criteria:	Awarded to a student in the Young Mums program for displaying outstanding effort and engagement through the year
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by Alternate Programs staff and selected by the Leading Teachers of Alternate Programs.
Award:	Certificate and \$50.00
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

4d

Sponsor:	Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning Employment Network
Year Level:	Orange Group
Criteria:	Awarded to a student in Orange Group that has shown excellent endeavour in their studies consistent with the Horsham College school values.
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by Alternate Programs staff and selected by the Leading Teachers of Alternate Programs.
Award:	Certificate and \$50.00
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

4e

Sponsor:	Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning Employment Network
Year Level:	All programs - Most Positive SEQTA notes
Criteria:	Awarded to the top two Alternate Program students who have shown excellent endeavour in their studies consistent with the Horsham College school values, indicated by receiving the most positive SEQTA notes in the year.
Selection Procedure:	Nominated by Alternate Programs staff and selected by the Leading Teachers of Alternate Programs.
Award:	Certificate and \$50.00 (2 awards)
Presentation:	This award will be presented at the Alternate Programs End of Year Presentation Day

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on school website
- discussed at parent information nights
- hard copy available from school administration upon request

Review Cycle

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule.