

St. Monica's College, Epping

ACADEMIC HONOURS

An Academic Honours Program was introduced at the College in 2006. This new program gives every student in Years 7-11 the opportunity to be recognised for his or her academic achievement and commitment to learning.

Semester based awards include an Award for Academic Excellence and an Award for Dedication to Studies.

Two very prestigious annual awards have also be introduced to acknowledge significant academic achievement over the duration of the school year. These awards will be given to the highest performing male and female student in each year level and to the highest achieving VCAL student.

An Academic Honours Presentation night will be held in December where the academic achievement of students will be publicly acknowledged and celebrated.

The Academic Honours Program includes awards that are achievable for each and every student in Years 7-11 so all students are encouraged to be committed to their learning and strive towards receiving an Academic Honour.

Semester Based Awards

1) *Award for Academic Excellence*

Eligibility:	All Year 7-11 students, except VCAL students.
Criterion:	To receive this award a student needs to have achieved an A/A+ grade, or the upper progression point for the awarding of a C in Mathematics and English (Years 7-10), for at least 80% of all assessment tasks and dimensions included in the end of Semester report.
Presentation:	Recipients will be announced at a College Assembly and their names will be published in The Monican. Students will be presented with their award at the Academic Honours Presentation Night at the end of the school year.
Prize:	Certificate and gift.

2) *Award for Dedication to Studies*

Eligibility:	All Year 7-11 students, including VCAL students.
Criteria:	<p>Students who receive two or more nominations from their teachers will be eligible for this award.</p> <p><u>Criteria to be used when nominating students:</u></p> <p><i>The Student:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has shown significant improvement in results achieved for assessed tasks over the duration of the subject. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Has shown significant commitment towards his/her studies with the aim of improvement.</p> <p><i>Note: A student has shown significant commitment towards his / her studies with the aim of improvement if he / she:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Asks for assistance when required</i> • <i>Acts on feedback received</i> • <i>Redrafts work</i> • <i>Uses available time effectively</i> • <i>Takes up opportunities for extra support / assistance e.g. attendance at ASH, VCE study seminars, holiday classes etc.</i> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Contributes positively to the classroom environment. 3. Respects and values all members of the College community in the spirit of the Mission Statement.
Presentation:	Recipients will be announced and presented with their award at a

	College Assembly. Names will be published in The Monican.
Prize:	Certificate

Annual Awards

- 1) *Sr. Therese Quinn Award for..... highest achieving male student.
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Eligibility:	All Year 7-11 students, except VCAL students.
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the student (male & female) in each year level (7-11) that achieves the highest percentage of A+/A's in assessment tasks and upper progression points for the awarding of a C in Mathematics and English (Years 7-10), included in semester reports, across all subjects over the year.</p> <p>In the event that two students achieve the same percentage of A+/A grades and upper progression points the award will be given to the student that achieves the higher number of A+ grades. In the event that this is also the same other grades will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Two awards per year level.</p>
Presentation:	<p>Recipients will be announced and presented with their award at the Academic Honours Presentation Night.</p> <p>Names will be published in The Monican and permanently recorded on an Honour Board to be displayed in Campus Reception.</p>
Prize:	Certificate and gift

- 2) *Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Award for Highest Achievement*

Eligibility:	VCAL students.
Process/Criteria	<p>Recipient determined by VCAL staff based on ongoing weekly assessment over the duration of the year. This includes working diligently, contribution to group, initiative, level of responsibility and enthusiasm.</p> <p>One award will be given per year level.</p>
Presentation:	<p>Recipients will be announced and presented with their award at the Academic Honours Presentation Night.</p> <p>Names will be published in The Monican and recorded on an Honour</p>

	Board.
Prize:	Certificate and gift