



## Academic Awards Policy

<b>Aim:</b>	To communicate the College's position regarding the celebration of academic excellence.
<b>Scope and Responsibilities:</b>	Head of Secondary Head of Primary
<b>Board Approval:</b>	Not required.
<b>Background information:</b>	<p>Moreton Bay Boys' College has developed a tradition of striving for excellence in the classroom and it is therefore important to recognise and celebrate academic achievement of the boys.</p> <p>We acknowledge that not all boys will attain the standards required for the awards listed and that excellence can be measured in different ways. These awards aim to inspire student improvement in their academic pursuits.</p>
<b>Policy:</b>	<p>Moreton Bay Boys' College recognises academic achievement in an individual subject and cumulative performance in subjects studied Semester One, Semester Two or over both semesters.</p> <p>All Academic Awards in Year 4 -12 are based on the Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 15 point scale with A+ equating to a 15.</p> <p><b>Semester One and Two Academic Commendation Awards</b> (To be presented at the start of the next semester)</p> <p><b>Primary School</b> <b>Academic Commendation.</b> In the Primary School, academic recognition is based on a Grade Point Average Scale of 15 points. In order to attain an Academic Commendation for Semester 2, the student must achieve a Grade Point Average of 12.75. The Primary Academic Awards are given to students in Years 4 to 6, recognising excellence across the assessable key learning areas of English, Mathematics, Humanities and Science and who did not receive an academic award at the Celebration of Excellence in the preceding year).</p> <p><b>Secondary School</b> <b>Academic Commendation.</b> In the Secondary School, academic recognition is based on a Grade Point Average Scale of 15 points. In order to attain an Academic Commendation, the student must achieve a Grade Point Average of 12.75 in the assessable subjects which are studied by all students for the entire year. Semester 2 Academic Commendations will be only awarded to boys who achieve a Grade Point Average above 12.75 in the assessable subjects which are studied by all students for the entire year and did not receive an academic award at the Celebration of Excellence (in the preceding year).</p> <p><b>Celebration of Excellence</b> <b>Primary School</b> <b>Academic Awards</b> are presented to the top 4 boys in Years 4, 5 and 6. Subjects included in the calculation include English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Health and Physical Education, Visual Art, Music and Spanish. The year-to-date results at point of Celebration of Excellence data collection (typically end of Term 3) of the subjects will be weighted to represent the time allocated in the timetable. Recipients receive a certificate, book voucher and an Academic Award badge.</p>



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**Dux of Year** is awarded to the student with the leading academic results for Year 4, 5 and 6 at the end of Term 3. The recipient will receive a certificate, medallion and book voucher.

### **Secondary School**

**Academic Awards** are presented to boys in Year 7 to 12 who have a GPA greater than 12.75. **Special Merit Awards** are presented to boys in Year 7 to 12 who have a GPA greater than 13.5. The GPA is calculated using the subjects studied by all boys for the entire year. In Years 7, 8 and 9, these include Language and Literature (English), Mathematics, Science, Individuals and Societies (Humanities), Physical and Health Education, Design and the Arts (Visual Art). In Year 10, the subjects include English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Health and Physical Education. In Year 11 and 12, the GPA is calculated using all assessable subjects studied. For Year 11 and Year 12 students studying subjects through the Brisbane School of Distance Education, the End of Semester 1 result will be used in the GPA calculation.

The year-to-date results at point of Celebration of Excellence data collection (typically end of Term 3) of the subjects will be weighted to represent the time allocated in the timetable. Recipients of an Academic Award will receive a certificate, book voucher and an Academic Award badge. Recipients of a Special Merit Award will receive a certificate, book voucher, Academic Award badge and a medallion.

NOTE: Students must study a language for the whole year. The top student in each year level for Japanese and Spanish will be recognised at the end of Semester Two.

NOTE: Drama and Music are studied by all boys for one semester each year. The top student in each year level for Music and Drama will be recognised at the end of Semester Two.

NOTE: The top Year 10 student in elective subjects and subjects studied for a semester only will be recognised at the end of Semester Two.

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**Dux of Year** is awarded to the student with the leading academic results in Years 7 to 11 at the end of Term 3. The recipient will receive a certificate, medallion and book voucher.

**College Dux** is awarded to the Year 12 student with the leading academic results at the end of Term 3. The recipient will receive a certificate, medallion and book voucher.



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**Proxime Accessit** is awarded to the Year 12 student who is the runner up to the College Dux with academic results at the end of Term 3. The recipient will receive a certificate, medallion and book voucher.

The **Vocational Skills Shield** recognises a senior student who has demonstrated outstanding ability and effort in a school based apprenticeship or traineeship, as well as demonstrating a strong commitment to the wider life of the college. The recipient will receive a certificate and a medallion.

**Individual Subject Awards** are presented to the Year 12 students who has finished at the top of the cohort in a particular subject and has been awarded either a High Achievement or a Very High Achievement. The recipient will receive a certificate, medallion and book voucher.

NOTE: If a student is vertically accelerated into a subjects studied by his year level peers (e.g. studying Year 11 Biology while in Year 10), the grade awarded for the subject studied will be used in the GPA calculation.

**Definitions:**

Grade Point Average (GPA) – this is calculated by converting each overall grade to a numerical value, adding up the results and dividing by the number of subjects. The calculation also incorporates the weighting of each subject as a proportion of allocated timetable time.

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