



# St Andrew's School for Girls

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## **SENIOR SCHOOL AWARDS POLICY**

Nominations for awards at St Andrew's School for Girls will be discussed in a committee consisting of:

- The Head of School
- Deputy Head of School
- Head of co-curricular activities or another member of the management team
- Director of Sports or Music and/or
- Coach/Facilitator involved

Should a girl need clarification on the outcome of the committee, an appointment may be made with the Head of Sport or teacher involved in the activity, who will clarify and investigate the matter further in consultation with the Awards Committee.

The following will be taken into consideration when making awards:

- Attendance at practices, matches, tournaments and events
- Level of participation within the school's activity or sport
- Level of participation and contribution to other school activities and/or sport, particularly when making an award for a non-school sport or activity.
- Attitude and values when involved in the school activity
- Attitude and values outside of the school's activity
- Meeting of the criteria specified for the activity
- Achievements outside of the school's specified criteria

*The committee reserves the right to:*

- Review and/or alter the criteria on an annual basis
- Disqualify a recipient of an award for gross misconduct, within or outside of the school's activity
- Where a sport has no provincial representation; provincial times and distances may be considered.
- Consider making an award for a particular activity in exceptional cases.

Should a girl be recognised more than once in any one activity, then she may only wear the highest award.

*Half Colours* is indicated by cuff braiding; *Full Colours* is indicated by full blazer braiding. Girls are required to present their certificate, signed by the Executive Headmistress to the school's uniform shop before braiding will be provided.

Girls may not necessarily achieve each level of the awards listed in succession.

Girls who are awarded colours are expected to continue participation in that activity for at least one more year following the award.

## **Service Awards for Sport and Cultural Activities**

Service awards are awarded to a girl in Grade 9 to Grade 12 for commitment and dedication to a particular activity. Performance and ability related to that activity are not considered, however, competence in that activity is a requirement, when awarding a service award.

- **Service Certificate**

A *service certificate* is awarded to a girl in Grade 9 to Grade 12 for commitment and dedication to an activity for at least 2 years.

- **Pro-Merito Certificate**

A *Pro-merito certificate* is awarded to a girl in Grade 11 or 12 who has shown dedication and commitment to a particular activity over a 4 year period. The 4 year period could be non-consecutive years. Competence is a requirement when awarding a *pro-merito certificate*.

A *Pro-merito certificate* can not be awarded in conjunction with a Performance Award.

A *Pro-merito certificate* could be awarded to a girl in Grade 12 who already holds a colours award but has not been awarded a re-award of colours at that time, for that activity.

### **Re-awards**

*Service Awards* are not re-awarded.

*Service Certificates* are awarded on an annual basis for an activity.

*Pro-merito Certificates* can be awarded to a girl in Grade 11 and then again in Grade 12 for the same activity.

### **Certificates**

Certificates are awarded to girls, particularly in Grades 8 to 12 that have shown promise, dedication and/or improvement within the season of play or activity:

- Progress Certificate
- Achievement Certificate
- Participation Certificate
- Certificate of Commitment
- Most Promising
- Most Improved

## **Performance Awards**

Performance Awards are awarded for demonstrating commitment, dedication and particularly, excellence in a school activity or sport. Girls are eligible for colours awards from Grade 10, or at the discretion of the awards committee based on the criteria specified below:

### ○ **Merit Award**

A *Merit Award* is a certificate awarded to a girl in Grade 9 to Grade 12 whose performance and ability is considered as *above-average* in a particular activity.

A *Merit Award* may be awarded to a girl who excels in a non-school sport and who contributes to or participates in other school activities.

A *Merit Award* may, at the discretion of the awards committee, be awarded to a girl in Grade 8 who has excelled and has met the *Half Colours* or *Full Colours* criteria in a particular activity or sport.

### ○ **Half Colours**

*Half colours* are awarded to a girl in Grade 10 to Grade 12 who has shown performance and ability equivalent to district team selection.

*Half Colours* may be awarded, at the committee's discretion to a girl in Grade 9 who is of exceptional ability, has met the *Full Colours* criteria and has been committed to the school's particular activity for at least two years or two full seasons. Contribution and participation in other school activities is essential when making such an award.

### ○ **Full Colours**

*Full colours* are awarded to a girl in Grade 10 to Grade 12 who has shown performance and ability, at or equivalent to, provincial level.

## **Re-awards**

A performance award may only be re-awarded if the criteria for that award are met again in that season. If no progress is made to a higher performance award, a *Service Award* for that activity is awarded.

*ALL awards are based upon 90% attendance and participation in the particular activity's practises and events.*

*For sport, 100% attendance at school league matches is a requirement.*

## **Honours Awards**

*Honours* may be awarded to a girl who has *participated* nationally in a school activity or sport. (Depending on the discipline or activity, the age group category U16-U18 will be discussed by the awards committee).

*Honours* are only awarded once the girl has actually participated in the national tournament or received official recognition of her selection from the national committee.

Level of participation and contribution to school sport and/or school activities are considered when making an honours award, especially when awarding honours for a non-school sport.

*Honours* may also be awarded to a girl in Grade 11 or Grade 12 who has attained *Full Colours* in three of the four areas listed below, at any time during her school career:

- Cultural
  - Academic
  - Sport
  - First Aid
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