



Co-Curricular Awards Policy 2024

Tabs

Awarded **for commitment to a co-curricular activity at a high level**. Students may be awarded a Tab for the same activity each year that they fulfil the criteria. The embroidery will state the name of the activity and the year, e.g. "Basketball 2021", "Drama 2021".

ISA Sport - Winter & Summer Season

Awarded to a Senior School student who:

- Demonstrates the College values in that activity
- Has been a committed member of the 1sts team for that season
- Positive support for the coach in training and matches
- Participation in at least 75% of the competition games played in that season (note: a player must take the field to be eligible*)
- Has fulfilled attendance and participation expectations at training sessions and games

Carnival Sports (Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming)

Awarded to a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who:

- Demonstrates the College values in that activity
- Has been a committed member of the College team at the ISA Carnival in that year AND for at least four years total over their enrollment in the Senior School (inclusive). If a student commences at the College in Year 10, a three year commitment would be acceptable; if a student commences in Year 11, a two year commitment would be acceptable
- Has fulfilled attendance and participation expectations at trainings, and attended a majority of trainings. Exceptions may be made by the Sports Department for certain members under special circumstances.
- Has attended invitational carnivals for the season for which they have been selected, unless an exemption has been granted by the Sports Department.

**NB. In the case of a Year 12 student who has represented the College in a First's team in previous seasons but fails to complete the required number of games due to injury or misadventure during Year 12, the Awards Committee reserves the right to consider this student for a Tab award. Current service to the sport will be taken into consideration. E.g. attending and assisting at training sessions, active support on match days.*

Non-ISA Sport (Equestrian, Fencing, Mountain Biking, Snow Sports)

Awarded to a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who:

- Demonstrates the College values in that activity
- Has been a committed member of the College team for at least three years total over their enrollment in the Senior School (inclusive). If a student commences in Year 11, a two year commitment would be acceptable
- Has fulfilled attendance and participation expectations at trainings, and attended a majority of trainings. Exceptions may be made by the Sports Department for certain members under special circumstances.

Sports Tabs Timings:

Term 1: ISA Summer Sports, Swimming

Term 2: Cross Country, Equestrian, Fencing, Mountain Biking

Term 3: ISA Winter Sports, Athletics, Snow Sports

The above timings are subject to change, due to annual variations on relevant inter-schools competitions.

Performing Arts – Drama Productions

Awarded to a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who:

- Demonstrates the College values in Drama productions
- Has been a committed and active member of two Drama/Musical productions at the College, executed with excellence*
- Has been a regular, timely and cooperative attender of rehearsals
- Has demonstrated a level of skill in performance or off-stage role recognised by the director
- In exceptional circumstances, students below Year 10 who are integral to a Senior Production can be considered for a Tab.

* Students may receive a Tab each year on the completion of every subsequent production, when they fulfil all other criteria

Timing: Following Drama/Musical productions

Performing Arts - Music Ensembles

Awarded to a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who:

- Demonstrates the College values in Music ensembles
- Has been a committed and active member of at least one major College ensemble for a full year (12 months)
- Has participated in College musical occasions such as Foundation Night, Speech Night, Music Nights in that year
- Has been a regular, timely and cooperative attender of rehearsals
- Has demonstrated a level of musicality and technique recognised by the conductor

Music Ensembles for which Tabs may be awarded: Choir, Concert Band, Orchestra, Pipe Band, Stage Band, Strings. The Tab will read “[Ensemble] 2021”.

Timing: Term 2 (following Foundation Night)

Word - Mock Trial / Debating / Public Speaking / Pin Oak

Awarded to a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who:

- Demonstrates the College values in the activity
- Has been a committed and active member of the team for at least 2 years
- Has been a regular, timely and cooperative attender throughout the season / year

Timing: Awarded following the conclusion of annual competition / End of Term 4

Word Tabs will read “Mock Trial 2021” / “Debating 2021” / “Public Speaking 2021” / “Pin Oak 2021”

Colours

Colours will be awarded in three co-curricular areas:

- Sport
- Performing Arts
- Word

Colours for Sport, Performing Arts and Word are awarded to students at the end Term 3 Year 11, or the end of Term 1 Year 12 only, following submission of the Colours Application Form by the deadline in that term and consideration by the Awards Committee.

Colours will be awarded on an individual and case-by-case basis to a student who, in the view of the Awards Committee:

- Exemplifies and models the College values
- In a specific co-curricular activity, OR across co-curricular activities within one of the co-curricular areas of Sport/Performing Arts/Word, has over time, continued to demonstrate:
 - (i) outstanding and sustained commitment
 - (ii) excellence
 - (iii) a 'personal best' approach
 - (iv) active leadership & a team ethic
 - (v) service

[In addition, for Sports Colours only, a student will have:

- fulfilled their mandatory ISA sport participation since starting at Oxley
- prioritised school sport over outside activities/non-school pathway sport in Years 11 and 12]

Applicants for Colours will likely have received Tabs within one of the areas of Sport/Performing Arts/Word for which they are applying.

Applicants may be interviewed as part of the assessment process by relevant co-curricular staff, prior to their application being considered to the Awards Committee. The purpose of this interview will be to seek clarification of aspects of the student's application.

Guiding Principles of the Award Committee:

The Awards Committee will strive to balance the need for a consistently high benchmark for Colours across the co-curricular areas, alongside a consideration of individual circumstances and contexts.

The Awards Committee reserves the right to withdraw Colours from a student should their conduct or commitment within that co-curricular area fall below the standards expected of a Colours recipient.

Colours Application Process

1. Applicant submits completed *Colours Application Form* from website via email to College Services by the deadline published on the form (Term 3, Year 11 / Term 1, Year 12).
2. Applicant interviewed by relevant Co-Curricular staff [at the discretion of the school]
3. All applications for that period considered by the Awards Committee.
4. Applicant informed in writing of outcome of the decision.

Colours Pocket & Colours Braiding

Colours are represented by:

(i) a Colours Pocket on the blazer, which replacing the existing school crest pocket on the blazer. Braiding will be added to across the top of the pocket.

(ii) a Tab underneath the pocket with gold writing, which will read “Sport” / “Performing Arts” / “Word”, as applicable.

Students who are awarded Colours in more than one Co-Curricular area will also have gold braiding on the collar of the blazer.

Students must take their blazer to Whytes in Moss Vale, with their Colours Letter, to have to have the relevant adjustments made.

The Awards Policy will be reviewed annually.