



College Colours

INTRODUCTION

At Mandurah Catholic College we encourage our students to value the opportunities that are made available to them in pursuing both academic studies and also co-curricular activities. The skills and knowledge gained from such pursuits ensure that our students are able to meet the challenges of our society with confidence.

Academic Program

Mandurah Catholic College has built a culture where academic excellence is recognised, valued and aspired to. The awarding of Colours is an important element of this. High achievement in academic areas requires a willingness to commit to greater hours of study, readiness to make sacrifices and learning beyond what is simply taught in the classroom.

Co-Curricular Program

The co-curricular program offered is extensive and enables our students to participate in a diverse range of activities. A wide-ranging co-curricular program provides for a holistic curriculum in which students can compete, participate and engage in activities outside the normal classroom situation.

Our College deliberately pursues excellence and encourages students to achieve their best. An element of this mission is celebrating and rewarding the hard work, endeavour and camaraderie that are developed within a co-curricular activity. The recognition of students' achievements in, and commitment to, co-curricular activity is the basis for this system, although student efforts in extra-curricular activities completely outside of the College are also recognised.

Awards may be presented for activities in the following pillars:

- Academic
- Ministry and Service
- Cultural
- Sport

Colours provide public and ongoing acknowledgement of academic and co-curricular achievement and contribution and underline that at Mandurah Catholic College all fields of excellence are aspired to and recognised.

COLOURS MEDALS AND AWARDS

Mandurah Catholic College has in place a five-tiered system for recognising both achievement in and commitment to an academic, co-curricular or extra-curricular activity. The criteria for the awarding of Colours are clearly delineated in this booklet. Each area has a points system which is used to calculate which category of award is to be achieved. The **five-tiered system** is as follows:

1. Principal's Honours

In circumstances of exceptional achievement, a student is eligible, to receive Principal's Honours. These Honours may only be awarded after achievement of Full Colours and must meet the points requirement and have Good Standing. **Principal's Honours can only be awarded in Year 12.**

2. Full College Colours

- **Who – Only Year 12** students who have already received Half Colours are eligible for Full Colours and they must meet the points requirement.
- **What** - Students are awarded a certificate and a gold badge.
- **When** - Awarded at a Colours Assembly
- **How** – Students that deem themselves eligible, must complete a Colours nomination form by the cutoff date prior to the Colours Assembly.

3. College Half Colours

- **Who – Only Years 11 and 12 students** who have already received Certificates of Merit are eligible for Half Colours and they must meet the points requirement.
- **What** – Students are awarded a certificate and a silver badge.
- **When** – Awarded at a Colours Assembly
- **How** – Students that deem themselves eligible, must complete a Colours nomination form by the cutoff date prior to the Colours Assembly.

4. Certificate of Merit

- **Who – Only Years 9 to 12 students** who have already received a Certificate of Recognition are eligible for a Certificate of Merit and must meet the points requirement.
- **What and When** – Students are awarded certificates at a Year Assembly
- **How** – Students must complete a Colours nomination form by the cutoff date prior to the Colours Assembly.

5. Certificate of Recognition

- **Who – Any student from Years 7 to 12** who meets the points requirement is eligible for a Certificate of Recognition
- **What and When** – Students are awarded certificates at a Year Assembly
- **How** – Students must complete a Colours nomination form by the cutoff date prior to the Colours Assembly.

HOUSE MEDALS AND AWARDS

Medals are awarded on the basis of service to the House. Points are awarded to students according to their involvement in House activities throughout the year. Involvement includes consistent support for and participation in House events and initiatives and/or being involved in the organisation of and administrative planning for an event. Students must have actively participated in their House Mission as well as several other events. Records of active participation are kept by the Head of House.

There are three tiers of house awards:

- House Medal
- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Recognition

1. House Medal

- **Who – Only Year 12 students** who have earned a Certificate of Merit and continue to contribute to their House in subsequent years, may be eligible to be nominated for a House Medal. The Head of House, in consultation with House staff, will make the decision based on the student's continued contribution to the House.
- **What and When** – a certificate and a medal with the word HOUSE are awarded at a Colours Assembly.
- **How** – Students must complete a Colours nomination form by the cutoff date prior to the Colours Assembly.

2. House Certificate of Merit

- **Who – Only Years 9 to 12 students** who continue yearly with consistent commitment to the House may nominate themselves or be nominated for a Certificate of Merit.
- **What and When** – Students are awarded a certificate at a House Assembly.
- **How** – Students must complete a Colours nomination form when they have reached the required number of points.

3. House Certificate of Recognition

- **Who – Any student from Years 7 to 12** may nominate themselves or be nominated for a Certificate of Recognition to the House, after a minimum two-year period of consistent commitment to House activities.
- **What and When** – Students are awarded a certificate at a House Assembly.
- **How** – Students must complete a Colours nomination form when they have reached the required number of points.

Points may be awarded for active service to the House in the following activities:

- House Mission
- Patron's Day
- Inter-House Swimming Carnival
- Inter-House Athletics Carnival
- Inter-House Beach Carnival
- Inter-House Netball
- Inter-House Soccer
- Inter-House E-sports
- Inter-House Theatre Sports
- Inter-House Sale of the Century
- House Leadership
- Homeroom Leadership
- Peer Support
- Assemblies
- Assistance to the House

COLOURS COMMITTEE

The Colours Committee receives nominations for all awards from either students or the teachers responsible for the activities. Nominators need to complete the relevant **Achievement and Participation Form**, attaching supporting documentation if necessary. It is the responsibility of the Colours Committee to accept or reject the nominations. The Principal has the right to override the decision of the Colours Committee or revoke an award in exceptional circumstances.

The Colours Committee should ensure that there is parity in achieving the awards. The Colours Committee is comprised of:

- Dean of Campus (Chair)
- Head of Sport (Sport)
- Dean of Students (Ministry and Service)
- Director of the Arts (Cultural)
- Head of Year 12 (Academic)
- One Head of House (House Medals)
- Deputy Principal of Community

The Colours Committee will meet periodically throughout the year as nominations are submitted.

TIMELINE FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Students complete an **Achievement and Participation Form** which is available via the SEQTA Splash Page, detailing their achievements and involvement. The Colours Committee will consider the nominations and accept or reject individual recommendations. The Colours Committee will meet in the weeks prior to each Colours Assembly. The cut off date for nominations prior to each Colours Assembly will be published in the Daily Notices, with nominees required to complete their nomination form by then. *If the form misses the cut off date, the student will not be assessed for eligibility until the next scheduled Colours Assembly.*

It is the responsibility of the teacher in charge to ensure that all nominations meet the criteria for the level of award for which the student is nominated and that points have been allocated and correctly tallied.

TEACHERS IN CHARGE

House	Cultural	Ministry and Service	Sport	Academic
Head of House	Director of the Arts	Dean of Students	Head of Sport	Head of Year 12

Colours will be presented in Terms 2 and 3. Students and parents will be notified one week prior to the presentation via electronic means.

For more information about Colours or House Medals and Awards, please speak to the relevant Teacher in Charge, or the Dean of Campus.