



# NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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| <b>Title</b>                 | <b>ACADEMIC AWARDS</b>                     |
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| <b>Associated Policies</b>   | Determining Subject and Aggregate Placings |
| <b>Associated Procedures</b> |  |
| <b>Associated Documents</b>  | Awards List                                |

## **RATIONALE:**

Academic awards are given to reward both excellence and effort and, as such, provide motivation for students to strive to reach their potential.

## **PURPOSE:**

1. To establish what academic awards are made at each level.
2. To establish the conditions under which academic awards are given.

## **GUIDELINES:**

### **Years 9 and 10**

1. In each subject at each level there will be a prize given for the top student in the subject. This student will be decided on the total score he attains from only his academic credits in that subject in the junior diploma. These students will receive book prizes.
2. If, in a particular subject there is more than one student on the top score, then the winner will be decided by (in this order):
  - number of excellences attained
  - a re-evaluation of the existing assessments or a new assessment.
3. At each level, there will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The three students at each level will be decided on the total score that they attain from only their academic credits in the junior diploma. These students will receive book prizes, with the 1<sup>st</sup> receiving a cup.
4. At each level, there will be certificates for effort and progress. Nominations will be made by staff, who can nominate up to six students per class, and a student will qualify for a certificate by gaining at least three nominations.



5. Those students who receive their junior diploma endorsed with excellence will receive a gift voucher.
6. Clement Cave Bursaries: awarded for academic excellence, with either sporting and/or cultural excellence. One is to be awarded at each level to one of the three students who comes 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at that level.
7. The following special prizes will also be awarded:
  - a. Public Speaking: 1<sup>st</sup> (book prize, and cup at Year 10), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (certificate) at each level.
  - b. Essay: 1<sup>st</sup> (book prize, and cup at Year 10), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (certificate) at each level.
  - c. Cadets: Best Junior Cadet (trophy & book prize)  
Best Aptitude and Training in a Junior Cadet (trophy & book prize).
  - d. Music: Junior Chorister (cup)  
Junior Performer of the Year (cup & book prize)  
For All-Round Participation and High Achievement (donated vouchers at each level).  
Other such music prizes from the senior list as are appropriate.
  - e. Contribution by a Year 9 or 10 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school (book prize)
8. The value of all awards shall be determined from time to time by the teacher-in-charge of prizes.

### **Years 11-13**

9. In each subject at each level there will be a prize given for the top student in the subject. This student will be decided according to the policy and procedures for determining subject and aggregate placings. These students will receive book prizes.
10. At each level, there will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This student will be decided according to the policy and procedures for determining subject and aggregate placings. These students will receive book prizes. There are also cups for 1<sup>st</sup> at Years 11 & 12, and for all three at Year 13.
11. At each level, there will be awards for effort and progress. Nominations will be made by staff, who can nominate up to four students per class. The most nominated six students at each level will qualify for a book prize.
12. The following special prizes will also be awarded:
  - a. Public Speaking: 1<sup>st</sup> (book prize), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (certificate) at each level.
  - b. Essay: 1<sup>st</sup> (book prize), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (certificate) at each level.
  - c. Cadets: Best Cadet (trophy & book prize)
  - d. Music: Most Improved Woodwind Player (cup)  
Choir General Excellence (cup)  
Most Outstanding Brass Player (cup)  
Most Improved Brass Player (cup)  
Excellence in Jazz Performance and Commitment to Music in the School (cup)  
Most Outstanding Senior Composition (cup & donated money)  
Most Outstanding String Player (book prize)  
Outstanding Service to Music in the School (cup & book prize)
  - e. Contribution by a Year 11 or 12 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school (book prize).  
Contribution by a Year 13 Maori student to the Maori profile of the school (book prize).
  - f. For the International Student whose strong academic performance is matched by a significant contribution to the wider life of the school (book prize).
  - g. Best Performer in the STAR programme (book prize).
  - h. Excellence in Humanities (cup & book prize).
  - i. Excellence in Oratory (cup & book prize)
  - j. Senior Drama Performance (cup & book prize)
13. The following leadership/service awards will be given:



- a. To the school's Chief Librarian for outstanding service to the library (cup & book prize).
  - b. To the Student Trustee who represents the boys on the Board of Trustees and who promotes and communicates reliably the needs and views of the students, and who contributes significantly to the resources and/or good operation of the school in his year of service (cup & book prize).
  - c. Outstanding Record of Service to the school (cup & book prize). (Decided by a committee of the PTA from a list of nominations provided by the school.)
  - d. For the busy participant in the life of the school with full involvement in either the cultural or sporting activities or both: a prefect/group leader who strongly demonstrates concern for others and who, by personal example, encourages others to have a go and whose reliability and service are outstanding (cup & book prize). (Decided by a committee of the PTA from a list of nominations provided by the school.)
  - e. Best All-Round Senior Student:
    - \* Must be Year 13;
    - \* Participates in and shows ability in sport and/or culture.
    - \* Shows leadership skills and has made an all-round contribution to the school.
    - \* In all that he does, he is a role model that other boys can aspire to (cup & book prize).
  - f. Head Boarder (cup & book prize).
  - g. Head Boy: for loyalty, diligence, initiative and outstanding service to the school (cup, medallion, tiger coat & book prize).
14. From time to time prizes may be given in a subject other than to the 1<sup>st</sup> in the subject, but these awards are conditional on their provision coming from sponsorship.
15. The school's PTA makes an annual grant to the school prize fund.

