



Penryn College

AWARDS AND COLOURS POLICY

COLLEGE AWARDS

Introduction:

1. This policy replaces all previous documents, and was last updated on the 17 May 2011.
2. This policy is the framework for all formal recognition given to scholars of the College.
3. The policy recognizes specific individual achievement within the context of the ethos of holism, and seeks to reward scholars aspiring to develop themselves in a number of different areas of College or personal endeavour. The highest awards achievable recognize achievement across a broad range of activities.
4. Both general and specific criteria must be met before an award is made.
5. All scholars achieving awards will have their names placed on annual honours roll. These are on display around the College. All scholars achieving Full Colours and Honours will be recorded in an Honours book housed in the Enos Mabuza Centre. Scholars receiving Honours for sport will have their names recorded on an Honours Board, to be erected in the Reception Area.

a) **COLLEGE AWARDS**

General Criteria For College Awards:

1. Scholars must have qualified for the award whilst at Penryn College.
2. All awards are open to any scholar according to the criteria. To keep the award they must, however, continue with the field in which the award was made (if at all possible) for the duration of their time at Penryn College.
3. A recipient of any award at Penryn must be considered to be a good ambassador for the school. Recognition and awards may be withheld or retracted from any scholar not adhering to the Honour Code of the School. This decision is made by the Awards Committee and is reviewed by the Head. Scholars who receive first warnings for any disciplinary transgression, will also receive a final warning that should their behaviour not improve, their colours will be taken back by Penryn.
4. Sports awards for provincial selection and higher will only be made on the basis of a scholar being selected on merit (as opposed to financial ability) AND actually representing the relevant team.

Categories:

College Awards are presented in the following five categories:

- i) Academic achievement,
- ii) Applied Academic achievement (including Science Expositions and Olympiads),
- iii) Cultural activities,
- iv) Leadership,
- v) Sporting activities and Service to Sport (First Aid, Cricket Scorers, etc)

For each of these categories, scrolls with the words Academics, Applied Academics, Culturals, Leadership and Sport are awarded, and a certificate is given with the category and the specific activity.

Award Levels:

The five levels of College awards are as follows:

- i) Certificate of Merit,
- ii) Academic Excellence (Academics only) Team or merit scroll,
- iii) Half Colours,
- iv) Full Colours, and
- v) Honours.

The Awards Committee:

Consists of: (Present incumbents in square brackets)

- i) The Chairperson of the Awards Committee (usually the Deputy Head), [Paul Viljoen]
- ii) One member of Management where the chair is not the deputy, [not applicable]
- iii) The General Convener of Awards, [Isabel de Beer]
- iv) The Coordinator of Academic Awards, [Stephen Sproule]
- v) The Coordinator of President's Awards, [Caroline Vincent]
- vi) The Coordinator of the Cultural Awards, [Rowena Spratt]
- vii) The Coordinator of the Sports Awards. [Conan Olivier]

Procedure for awarding Academic Awards:

Awards are made at the end of the year at Valediction (for Grade 12s only) or prize giving (for other grades), and reward the academic effort of Scholars throughout the year.

Procedure for awarding College Sport Awards

Sports awards are made at the final assembly of the 2nd term (Grade 12) and the Sports Awards Dinner (all other grades).

Procedure for awarding Applied Academic, Cultural and Leadership Awards:

Awards are made at the final assembly at the end of each term. Names of candidates, together with a motivation are submitted to the Chairperson two weeks before the relevant ceremony by coaches or organizers of activities. The Committee will then discuss and verify the awards during a meeting before the final assembly. Category Coordinators are to ensure that coaches and organizers are reminded of deadlines.

Payment of College Awards:

All costs of braiding, badges and scrolls are borne by the College, but parents bear the cost and responsibility of attaching the awards to the uniform.

Recognition of non-College sports:

Awards may be made for participation in "outside of school" activities provided recognition is given to the College, and provided sufficient evidence is handed in by the scholar. This for example, could be that the scholar competes in a school blazer or shirt on which our badge is displayed. Awards in this category are made in the same way as for school activities. It is important to note that the onus in this category rests with the scholar to provide sufficient information to the committee to facilitate a decision.

Dress regulation for College Awards:

Award	Descriptor - all colours here match the colours of the College Badge
Certificate of Merit and Academic Excellence	No dress awards are made
Team or Merit Scrolls	Blue scroll with gold lettering stating the category of the award
Half Colours	Blue and grey scroll with blue background and gold lettering stating the category of the award, and beading on the sleeve, 10 cm up the arm from the cuff
Full Colours	Beading around the blazer with a navy blue and grey scroll with red background and gold lettering Stating the category of the award
Honours	Honours braid around the blazer and scroll together with an honours badge with gold wreath.

Rules for the wearing of Scrolls:

1. Only the highest level award in a given category may be worn at any one time. All other awards in that category are to be removed.
2. The maximum number of scrolls that can be worn at one time are 5.

Metal Badges:

1. Only Badges awarded for the President's Award, LRC, Committees and Matric may be worn. Any other representative badges may be worn only with the permission of the committee. In the case of 1st team badges for sport, only one badge may be worn, irrespective of how many 1st teams the scholar has represented.

c) PENRYN AWARDS:

These are the highest Awards made at Penryn College. They are awarded by the Awards Committee according to the requirements below:

Certificate of Merit	Team or Merit Scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
No Award is made	No Award is made	No award is made	For Scholars who do not excel in one particular field, but have been fully committed to all the activities reflecting the ethos of the College	Awarded to Scholars who achieve at least Full Colours in all of the above categories. A Presidents' Gold Award may be substituted for one of the categories.

Dress regulations for Penryn Awards:

- a. Half Colours - sleeve beading only with a blue and grey scroll with gold lettering stating the word Penryn. All other scrolls are to be removed from the blazer.
- b. Full Colours - full colour beading with a blue and grey scroll with a red background with gold lettering stating the word Penryn. This scroll is to be worn underneath all the others.
- c. Honours – Honours braiding with a honours scroll and an honours badge with gold wreath. The scroll is to be worn under all the others.
- d. Presidents' Award badges, Leadership badges, 1st team badges and Matric lapel badges may be worn on all of the above blazers.

Table 1 – Specific criteria for College Awards:

a) Academic Awards						
Certificate of Merit		Academic Excellence		Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
Grades 8 and 9	Grades 10 –12	Grades 8 and 9	Grades 10 -12	In Grades 10 –12, 75% average at year end, or after prelims for Gr 12s	In Grades 10 –12, 80% average at year end, or after prelims for Gr 12s	In Grades 10 -12 85% average at year end, or after prelims for Gr 12s
80% / subject	75% / Subject	85% / Subject	80% / subject			

b) Cultural Awards				
Certificate of Merit	Merit scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
1 year meritorious achievement – e.g. Prestige award in Eisteddfod, or 2 years of A+ achievement or equivalent or 3 years of A achievement or equivalent	2 years meritorious achievement – e.g. Prestige awards, or 3 years A+ or equivalent, or 4 years A pass at RAD exam *1 (50 – 60%) or equivalent	3 years Prestige awards, or 4 years A+ achievement, or 5 years A achievement Passing (60%) an international exam through RAD or equivalent	4 years Prestige awards, or 5 years A+ achievement, or Achieve a merit mark of 80 – 85% through RAD or equivalent	Invited / selected to represent SA at an Eisteddfod or similar type of event, or achieve a mark above 90% through RAD or equivalent

Certificate of Merit	Merit scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
2 years participation in the house or College plays – junior actor, lights, stage hands, make-up. Rule of thumb for support staff is twice the amount of time as for actor.	3 years participation in plays with same criteria as CoM or 1 major acting role.	4 years participation in plays with same criteria as CoM or 1 lead role in College play or 2 major roles in College play or special award at house plays.	2 lead roles in College plays, or 3 main roles in house plays, or Best actress award at house plays or 5 years participation with the same criteria as CoM.	Significant and invited / selected participation in a recognized national event – e.g. Grahamstown festival.
2 years participation in the choir.	3 years participation in the choir, or 2 years in Grade 10 and 11.	4 years in the choir, or 3 years in Grades 10, 11 and 12.	5 years excellent service in the choir.	
2 year on the College debating / public speaking or equivalent teams.	3 years on the debating / public speaking or equivalent teams.	4 years on the debating team / public speaking or equivalent teams, and regional representation at the UN debate.	5 years on the debating / public speaking or equivalent teams and provincial level UN debating.	Invited / selected to represent SA at UN debating or equivalent.

*1 Trinity and UNISA Drama and Music are recognised as part of Academic awards

c) Sport Awards				
Certificate of Merit	Team / Merit scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
Awarded to all Scholars for Meritorious Achievement	Made to Scholars who play in 80% of 1 st team games in a season or who play 3 seasons in an A team in the Age Groups. OR Service to Sport: performs his/her duties in 80% of fixtures during a season	Made to Scholars who represent the College for two years at 1 st team level in 80% of games and practices, or who achieve regional, provincial academy, provincial B or provincial country districts representation. OR Service to Sport: attains a Level 1 First Aid certificate/ qualifies as a Scorer/Umpire/ Referee	Made to Scholars who achieve full provincial *1, national academy or national B representation in a sport. Full colours can be awarded for South African Presidents Teams, Development Teams, Maccabi or Country Districts teams etc at the discretion of the committee, based on the recommendation of the Director of Sport. OR 3 years First team and 80% of matches OR Service to Sport: attains a Level 2 First Aid certificate/ officiate in an inter-provincial match. OR Made to Scholars who show outstanding and continued excellence in sport in the opinion of the Awards Committee.	Made to Scholars who achieve full national representation in a sport (The highest national team possible i.e. South Africa, or South African Schools. National age – group teams also qualify).
	2 years A team swimming / athletics	3 years A team swimming / athletics	5 years A team swimming / athletics	N/A

*1 In the case of Rugby, Full Provincial will only apply to players who are selected for the Craven or Grant Khomo Weeks

d) Leadership Awards				
Certificate of Merit	Team / Merit scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
	Awarded for Sustained Meritorious Achievement, to Matric committee Members	Made to the Head/Captain/Chair person of an activity who demonstrates effective leadership	Made to the Head/Captain/Chair person of an activity who demonstrates exceptional skills and initiative in leading his group/team/committee	At the discretion of the committee, in reward for exceptional leadership

e) Applied Academic Awards				
Certificate of Merit	Team / Merit Scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
Representation at National Expo	Bronze medal at National Expo	Silver medal at National Expo	Gold Medal at National Expo	Representation at International Expo

Olympiads' consisting of one National Round only (Afrikaans, Life and Physical Science)

Certificate of Merit	Team / Merit Scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
		80% and above in year one – senior and junior Olympiads	80% and above in year two; or at the discretion of the committee	Ranked top 10 in South Africa or at the discretion of the committee

Olympiads consisting of more than one round (Computer Science, Mathematics)

Certificate of Merit	Team / Merit Scrolls	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
		Ranked in round two or at the discretion of the committee	Ranked in round three or at the discretion of the committee	Top 10 in round three or at the discretion of the committee