



Penryn College

Awards and Colours Policy

a) **College Awards**

Introduction:

1. This policy replaces all previous documents. The policy was last updated on the 16 November 2009.
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 on a quest to develop themselves in a number of different areas of College 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 in the administrative centre and at a few locations 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.

Specific Criteria for College Awards:

These are described in Table 1 below.

General Criteria For College Awards:

1. Scholars must have qualified for the award whilst at Penryn College.
2. All awards are open to any learner 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 can be withheld or retracted from any scholar not adhering to the Honour Code of the School. This decision is taken at the discretion of the Awards Committee and is reviewed by the Head. It is, for example, extremely unlikely that a learner who has been suspended from school will be granted any awards.
4. Furthermore, Scholars who have been suspended from school may also have their awards suspended at the discretion of the Head. e.g. Colours be removed for the period a term.
5. Wearing of Colours: Scholars receiving Colours in grades 8 and 9 may wear the awards (scrolls, braid) from grade 9. Should they however stop the sport after that, the colours will be withdrawn
6. Certificates: Certificates are awarded in the categories of Sport, Cultural; Applied Academics; Academics and Leadership. For the categories of Sport, Culturals and Applied Academics, the code of the sport or the genre of the Cultural or the field of Applied Academics will be noted in brackets on the certificate. This is for CV purposes that the scholars may require. However, the scroll awarded will only reflect Sport, Cultural, and Applied Academics.

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.

For each of these categories, scrolls with the words Academics, Applied Academics, Culturals, Leadership and Sport are awarded.

Outdoor and service activities are rewarded via President's Awards.

Award Levels:

College Awards are given on a number of different levels. These 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),
- ii) One member of Management where the chair is not the deputy, [not applicable]
- iii) The General Convener of Awards,
- iv) The Coordinator of Academic Awards,
- v) The Coordinator of President's Awards,
- vi) The Coordinator of the Cultural Awards,
- vii) The Coordinator of the Sports Awards.

Procedure for awarding College 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. 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 College Applied Academic, Cultural, Leadership and Sport 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 awards to the uniform.

Withdrawal of College Awards:

The Committee maintains the right to withdraw any award in a case where a learner has not maintained, to the Committee's satisfaction, the standards required for the award. This will be done after a discussion with both learner and their parents at which the College's concerns will be expressed, and at which remedial action is suggested. Guidelines would for example, be sports people who stop playing sport.

Recognition of Non-school 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 learner. This for example, could be that the learner 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 learner 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 braiding on the sleeve, 10 cm up the arm from the cuff
Full Colours	Braid with a navy blue and grey scroll with red background and gold lettering Stating the category of the award
Honours	Full Colours braid 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 time are 5.

Metal Badges:

1. Only Badges awarded for the President's Award, LRC, Committees and Matric may be won. 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.

b) 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 braid 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 braid with a blue and grey scroll with a red background with gold lettering stating the word Penryn. All other scrolls are to be removed from the blazer.
- c. Honours - a maroon blazer with an honours badge and with a blue and grey scroll with a red background with gold lettering stating the word Penryn. No braid is worn on the blazer.
- 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 3 years of A	2 years meritorious achievement – e.g. prestige awards, or 3 years A+ or equivalent, or 4 years A pass RAD exam (50 – 60%)	3 years Prestige awards, or 4 years A+ achievement, or 5 years A achievement Passing (60%) an international exam through RAD, Trinity or equivalent.	4 years Prestige awards, or 5 years A+ achievement	Invited / selected to represent SA at an Eisteddfod or similar type of event.		

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.

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	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 or provincial B representation	Made to Scholars who achieve full provincial, national academy or national B representation in a sport. Full colours can be awarded for South African Presidents Teams, Development Teams, Maccabi etc at the discretion of the committee, based on the recommendation of the Director of Sport. or b) Made to Scholars who show outstanding and continued excellence in sport in the opinion of the Awards Committee.	a) 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).

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
Awarded for sustained achievement	Awarded for Sustained Meritorious Achievement		Top 10 in Mpumalanga Olympiads or at the discretion of the committee	Top 10 in South African Olympiads or at the discretion of the committee

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