

# LOYOLA COLLEGE WATSONIA



## AWARDS & COLOURS PROGRAM HANDBOOK



CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS  
TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Loyola College seeks to recognise excellence, endeavour, commitment and leadership through an extensive program of Awards and Colours. Whilst student achievement is acknowledged throughout the year at various assemblies and events, the Annual Awards Evening is the premier event for the presentation of many of these Awards and Colours.

### PERSONAL ENDEAVOUR AWARDS

The Personal Endeavour Award was instituted in 2009 for Year 7 to 12 students who are nominated by staff members with the following criteria:

- ❖ Achieving personal success under difficult circumstances. The Award acknowledges a student's difficult circumstances ~ health, family circumstances, carer responsibilities, learning support, financial support, an ill or dying family member or balancing commitments, particularly living arrangements. It should include the notion that "something has been thrust upon" the student;
- ❖ Demonstrating significant personal endeavour as a member of the Loyola College Community.

No more than 10 Personal Endeavour Awards are presented in one year at the Annual Awards Evening with no limitation on year level or House. The Personal Endeavour Award will be nominated by staff members and presented at the Annual Awards Evening. The Award will involve the presentation of a certificate and a gift voucher.

### MAGIS AWARDS

In 2012 the Magis Award will be instituted to acknowledge generous service in our community & commitment to House and Mentor Group.

*Magis* is Latin for "the more", a favourite notion of St. Ignatius. Correctly understood, the *magis* is qualitative not quantitative, and it is about choices. Choices freely made and equally freely embraced. The *magis* is not just doing 'more'. It is doing something more widely, something beyond, adding depth and dimension. The *magis* is also a quality of character. We see the *magis* in action when our students:

- ❖ Are encouraged to discover and follow the great dreams and desires they have for themselves and others;
- ❖ Do not accept near enough is good enough for a personal best;
- ❖ Reflect on the choices before them, always seeking the greater good;

- ❖ Choose that which is of lasting value, rather than the short-term or transient.

The Magis Award will recognise service to House, College, Parish, Club, or Community that goes above and beyond any leadership role and has a clear sense of generosity of spirit. The award may also include involvement in an immersion program with a voluntary work component.

The Magis Award will have a clear *living a faith that does justice* component.

No more than 10 such awards are presented in one year at the Annual Awards Evening with no limitation on year level or House. The Award will be open to all staff and students to nominate a student. The Magis Award will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening and will involve the presentation of a certificate and a plaque.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & ENDEAVOUR AWARDS & COLOURS

#### Academic Awards & Colours ~ Years 7 to 10

The following Academic Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening:

- ❖ Students who are ranked in the top 5% in the year level will receive Academic Excellence Awards;
- ❖ Students who are awarded Academic Excellence Awards will be automatically awarded Academic Colours. Academic Colours will involve the presentation of a certificate and eligibility of an open book motif and year (i.e. 2012) to be placed on the student's blazer pocket;
- ❖ A total of 4% of students in the year level will receive Academic Endeavour Awards based on set criteria;
- ❖ Academic Excellence and Academic Endeavour Awards will involve the presentation of a certificate, a plaque and a gift voucher where community sponsorship is available.

#### Gold & Silver Merit Awards ~ Years 7 to 10

A student will receive a Gold Merit Award if they have achieved an overall A or A+ grade in a study during the semester. A student will receive a Silver Merit Award if they have achieved an overall B or B+ in a study during the semester. The Director of Curriculum will ensure that all Gold and Silver Merit Certificate recipients will be listed in the first Ignatian



of Term 3 (Semester 1) and in the final Ignatian of the academic year (Semester 2).

At the June College Assembly, Year 7, 8 and 9 students who received 9 or more Gold Merit Certificates and Year 10 students with 8 or more Gold Merit Certificates will be presented with a certificate in addition to the Gold Merit Certificate that they will receive with their Semester 1 Report.

### **Academic Awards & Colours ~ Year 11 & Units 1 and 2**

The following Academic Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening:

- ❖ The top student in each Unit 1 & 2 study sequence to receive a VCE Academic Subject Award based on grades in the study;
- ❖ The students who are ranked in the top 5% in Year 11 receive Academic Colours. Academic Colours will involve the presentation of a certificate and eligibility of an open book motif and year (i.e. 2012) to be placed on the student's blazer pocket;
- ❖ A total of 4% of students in Year 11 will receive Academic Endeavour Awards based on set criteria;
- ❖ VCE Academic Subject Awards will involve the presentation of a certificate and plaque and a gift voucher where community sponsorship is available.

### **Gold & Silver Merit Awards ~ Year 11**

A student will receive a Gold Merit Award if they have achieved an overall A or A+ grade in a study during the semester. A student will receive a Silver Merit Award if they have achieved an overall B or B+ in a study during the semester. The Director of Curriculum will ensure that all Gold and Silver Merit Certificate recipients will be listed in the first Ignatian of Term 3 (Semester 1) and in the final Ignatian of the academic year (Semester 2).

### **Academic Awards & Colours ~ Year 12 & Units 3 and 4**

The following Academic Awards will be presented at the February Opening of the School Year College Assembly:

- ❖ Dux ~ the student who receives the highest ATAR score at the College. The Dux presentation includes a certificate, a glass plaque and a gift voucher;
- ❖ Proxime (runner up to the Dux) ~ the student who receives the second highest ATAR score at

the College. The Proxime presentation includes a certificate, a plaque and a gift voucher;

- ❖ All students who receive an ATAR score of 90 or above. The presentation includes a certificate, a plaque and a gift voucher;
- ❖ All students who receive a VCAA study score of 50. The presentation includes a Principal's Award and a certificate. This award is available to both Year 11 and 12 students who have undertaken a VCE Unit 3 & 4 sequence;
- ❖ VCE Academic Subject Award for the student who receives the top study score in the Unit 3 and 4 study sequence. This study score must be above the State Average of 30. The presentation will include a certificate and a plaque and a gift voucher where community sponsorship is available. The VCE Academic Subject Award is available to both Year 11 and 12 students who have undertaken a VCE Unit 3 & 4 sequence;
- ❖ The Year 12 students ranked in the top 5% at Loyola College based on their ATAR scores receive Academic Colours. Academic Colours will involve the presentation of a certificate and eligibility of an open book motif and year (i.e. 2012) to be placed on the student's blazer pocket.

Endeavour Awards and Gold and Silver Merit Awards are not presented at the Year 12 and Unit 3 and 4 levels.

## **CO~CURRICULAR AWARDS**

### **Co~Curricular Activities Awards**

The Co~Curricular Activities Awards recognise excellence, commitment and leadership. The Co~Curricular Activities Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening. The focus of nominations will be on students who have displayed excellence and leadership in their co~curricular activity. The selection of the student will be based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Commitment (score out of 5);
- ❖ Leadership (score out of 10);
- ❖ Excellence (score out of 10).

When an award is not made in a particular co~curricular activity, the Activity Patron will provide an explanation in writing to the Head of Co~Curriculum who will discuss this matter with the Activity Patron.

### ACS Sport Years 7 to 9 Team Awards

The ACS Sport Awards for the most outstanding member in each Year 7, 8 and 9 Team participating in the Summer and Winter Seasons will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening.

The Coach of the team will award 3, 2, and 1 votes at the end of each game to the players that meet the following criteria in equal parts:

- ❖ Training Attendance (Minimum of 90%);
- ❖ Match Day Attendance (Minimum of 90%);
- ❖ Team Spirit;
- ❖ Commitment;
- ❖ Leadership;
- ❖ Excellence.

The focus of the awarding of the votes should be on students who have displayed a consistently high level of commitment to their sport and their team. The Team Award will be presented to the player with the most votes as deemed by the Coach's votes and verified by the Director of Sport.

### ACS Sport Senior Team Awards

The ACS Sport Awards for the most outstanding member in each Senior Team consisting of Years 10, 11 and 12 students participating in the Summer and Winter Seasons will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening.

At the senior level the ACS Sport Award is automatically given to the Loyola College team member or members chosen by the ACS as ACS All Stars Team Representatives for their given sport.

### ACS Sport Carnivals Awards

The ACS Sport Carnival Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening.

The Head Coach of the squad shall select one male and one female squad member who meets the following criteria in equal parts:

- ❖ Training Attendance (Minimum of 90%);
- ❖ Match Day Attendance (Minimum of 90%);
- ❖ Team Spirit;
- ❖ Commitment;
- ❖ Leadership;
- ❖ Excellence.

The focus of the selection will be on students who have displayed a consistently high level of excellence and commitment to their sport and their team.

### Sportsperson of the Year Award ~ Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and Senior:

The Sportsperson of the Year Awards at Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 are to be instituted to complement the existing *Sean Simpson Sportsperson of the Year Award*. The Sportsperson of the Year Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Evening. The Director of Sport in conjunction with the Director of Co~Curriculum will make the selection of the outstanding sportsperson at each level based on the student's involvement, commitment and excellence in the ACS Summer and Winter Season and in at least one ACS Carnival.

The selection of the outstanding sportsperson will be based on the following criteria in equal parts:

- ❖ Excellence;
- ❖ Commitment;
- ❖ Sportsmanship;
- ❖ Leadership;
- ❖ Contribution at Training (Minimum of 90% attendance);
- ❖ Contribution on Match Day/Carnival (Minimum of 90% attendance on match days);
- ❖ Team Spirit.

The focus of the selection will be on students who have displayed a consistently high level of excellence and commitment to their teams and ACS sports over the seasons and in the Carnivals.

Co~curricular Awards will involve the presentation of a certificate and plaque and a gift voucher where community sponsorship is available.

### CO~CURRICULAR COLOURS

#### Christian Service, Drama, House, Public Speaking & Debating, Music and Sport Colours

Loyola College recognises significant achievement amongst its student body with the awarding of Co~Curricular Colours. Christian Service, Drama, House, Music, Public Speaking & Debating and Sport Colours celebrate and acknowledge a student's participation and successes in particular areas of school life.

Students who apply for Colours in the course of their College life must attain a high standard of achievement. In addition the student must display the qualities of active participation, team spirit, positive conduct, goodwill and co-operation.

The Principal (or his representatives) will exercise the right to withhold the award if satisfied that a

student had failed to fulfil these qualities. At the beginning of Term 4, students may apply for Christian Service, Drama, House, Music, Public Speaking & Debating and Sport Colours using the *Loyola College Colours Application Form*.

Students must have fulfilled the minimum requirement before applying.

The following conditions apply:

- ❖ To be eligible for Full Colours in a particular co-curriculum area, a student must have been awarded Half Colours. To be eligible for the Second Level of House Colours of House Colours, a student must have been awarded First Level of House Colours;
- ❖ Once a student has been awarded a particular Colour he or she may not reapply for that same level of achievement;
- ❖ The Colours Committee will use its discretion in relation to past activities that no longer operate at the College;
- ❖ Unless under exceptional circumstances, Half Colours will not be awarded before Year 9 and Full Colours will not be awarded before Year 11, irrespective of minimum requirements;
- ❖ Colours achieved prior to 2012 remain. However in the event that a student wishes to apply under the new system, the following applies:
  - ❖ Junior Colours no longer exist under this system;
  - ❖ Middle House Colours & Senior House Colours are recognised solely under the House Colours;
  - ❖ General Co-Curriculum Colours no longer exist.
- ❖ All other Colours simply transfer over using the same titles.

The specific criteria for each Colours category needs to be supported with a statement by the relevant College staff member and Activity Patron before a student's application can be considered. This statement, completed on the *Loyola College Colours Application Form*, is to be presented directly to the Head of Co-Curriculum for consideration by the Colours Committee.

Students awarded Christian Service, Drama, Music, Public Speaking & Debating and Sport Colours will be presented with a Certificate and authorising letter at the Annual Awards Evening. They may also elect to have their blazer pocket embroidered with the

relevant symbol.

Students who have been awarded House Colours will be presented with a Certificate and authorising letter at House Assembly. They may also elect to have their blazer pocket embroidered with the appropriate symbol.

Families will be responsible for the cost of embroidery, along with arranging the delivery of the blazer to Academy Uniforms. Embroidery can only be approved for the current year.

### **General Criteria for the Awarding of Colours in Christian Service, Drama, House, Music, Public Speaking & Debating and Sport**

#### **Half Colours**

**Valued contribution** is measured against the following criteria:

- ❖ Regular attendance (minimum of 90%) at all activities pertaining to the co-curricular area including rehearsals, meetings, training sessions, games, performances and events;
- ❖ A role model to others;
- ❖ Dedication to the group.

#### **Full Colours**

**Outstanding contribution** is measured against the following criteria:

- ❖ Regular attendance (minimum of 90%) at all activities pertaining to the co-curricular area including rehearsals, meetings, training sessions, games, performances and events;
- ❖ A role model to others;
- ❖ Dedication to the group;
- ❖ Excellence in skills demonstrated;
- ❖ Displays leadership (formal and informal);
- ❖ Support of the staff member in administrative roles.

### **General Criteria for the Awarding of House Colours**

There should be clear evidence of **valued involvement and commitment** in a variety of House activities over a sustained period as well as a demonstration of the following:

- ❖ Regular attendance (minimum of 90%) at all activities pertaining to House activities conducted over a period of time;
- ❖ A role model to others;
- ❖ Dedication to the group;
- ❖ Displays leadership (formal and informal) where possible;

- ❖ Support of the staff member in administrative roles.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE COLOURS

#### Half Colours

The awarding of Half Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Valued involvement for at least 3 years in one or more social justice clubs and groups (e.g. St. Vincent de Paul Group, Concord, Conservation Club),  
and
- ❖ Valued involvement in three or more social justice activities over 3 years (e.g. Winter Sleep Out, 40 Hour Famine).

Half Colours are represented by the letters **IHS** ~ the Greek letters representing the name of Jesus ~ embroidered in silver thread on the blazer pocket.

#### Full Colours

The awarding of Full Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Outstanding contribution for at least 4 years in one or more social justice clubs and groups (e.g. St. Vincent de Paul, Conservation Club Concord),  
and
- ❖ Outstanding contribution in four or more social justice activities over 6 years (e.g. Winter Sleep Out, 40 Hour Famine)

Full Colours are represented by the letters **IHS** ~ the Greek letters representing the name of Jesus ~ embroidered in gold thread on the blazer pocket

### DRAMA COLOURS

#### Half Colours

The awarding of Half Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Valued involvement for 3 years in the College Musical Production, College Junior Musical or College Dramatic Production,  
and
- ❖ Valued involvement in the House Eisteddfod and other Drama co-curricular activities over 4 years (e.g. Theatre sports).

Half Colours are represented by the symbol of two drama masks intertwined embroidered in silver thread on the blazer pocket.

#### Full Colours

The awarding of Full Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Outstanding contribution for 3 years in the College Musical Production, College Junior Musical or College Dramatic Production,  
and
- ❖ Outstanding contribution in the House Eisteddfod and/or other Drama co-curricular activities over 5 years (e.g. Theatre sports).

Full Colours are represented by the symbol of two drama intertwined embroidered in gold thread on the blazer pocket.

### MUSIC COLOURS

#### Half Colours

The awarding of Half Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ A total of 7 full years of valued involvement in two or more music ensembles,  
or
- ❖ Valued involvement in one music ensemble for 6 years.

Half Colours are represented by musical notes embroidered in silver thread on the blazer pocket.

#### Full Colours

The awarding of Full Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ A total of 10 full years of outstanding contribution in two or more music ensembles.

Full Colours are represented by musical notes embroidered in gold thread on the blazer pocket.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING COLOURS

#### Half Colours

The awarding of Half Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Valued involvement for 4 years in DAV Debating,  
and
- ❖ Valued involvement for 3 years of House Debating and/or House Public Speaking,  
and
- ❖ Valued involvement in one external public speaking or debating events representing the College over their time at the College (e.g. ACS, Lions, Rotary, Ignatian competitions).

Half Colours are represented by an appropriate public speaking or debating symbol embroidered in silver thread on the blazer pocket.

#### Full Colours

The awarding of Full Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Outstanding contribution for 5 years in DAV Debating,  
and
- ❖ Outstanding contribution for 4 years of House Debating and/or House Public Speaking,  
and
- ❖ Outstanding contribution in two external public speaking or debating events representing the College over their time at the College (e.g. ACS, Lions, Rotary, Ignatian competitions).

Full Colours are represented by an appropriate public speaking or debating symbol embroidered in gold thread on the blazer pocket.

### SPORT COLOURS

Students may only apply for Sport Colours whilst still actively involved in the ACS Sport Program.

#### Half Colours

The awarding of Half Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Valued involvement for 5 years in ACS Weekly Sport,  
and
- ❖ Valued involvement as a member of a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Team at Senior Level,  
and
- ❖ Appointed Team Captain or demonstrated committed leadership over a number of seasons,  
and
- ❖ Valued involvement in four or more ACS Carnivals over their time at the College (Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country),  
or
- ❖ ACS All Star selection in one or more ACS teams.

Half Colours are represented by the symbols of a victory laurel embroidered in silver thread on the blazer pocket.

#### Full Colours

The awarding of Full Colours acknowledges:

- ❖ Outstanding contribution for 6 years in ACS Weekly Sport,  
and
- ❖ Outstanding contribution as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Team at Senior Level,  
and
- ❖ Appointed Team Captain or to a formal leadership role and demonstrated leadership over a number of seasons.  
and

- ❖ ACS All Star selection in one or more ACS teams.  
and
- ❖ Outstanding contribution in four or more ACS Carnivals during their time at the College (Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country) and outstanding contribution in one or more ACS Carnivals (Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country) in Year 12,  
or
- ❖ State or National School Representative in a recognised sport.

Full Colours are represented by the symbols of a victory laurel embroidered in gold thread on the blazer pocket.

### HOUSE COLOURS

Valued involvement and commitment to at least 15 House activities over a minimum of a three year period would allow a student to be eligible for House Colours:

- ❖ House Mass Attendance;
- ❖ Leadership in House Fundraising Activities;
- ❖ House Chess representative;
- ❖ House Eisteddfod/Drama/Music representative;
- ❖ House Public Speaking & Debating representative;
- ❖ A competitor in House Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country events;
- ❖ House Level Captain;
- ❖ House Vice Captain;
- ❖ House Captain.

A student may achieve House Colours on one occasion over a minimum of a three year period and may then continue to provide valued involvement and commitment to at least another 15 activities to achieve a second level of House Colours. This second level may occur as follows and may occur over a minimum of two years as follows:

- ❖ Over Years 7, 8 and 9 and then again over Years 10, 11 and 12
- ❖ Over Years 8, 9 and 10 and then again over Years 11 and 12
- ❖ Over Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and then again over Years 11 and 12.

### RECOGNITION OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Currently College Committee members receive a medallion in recognition of their service to the College Community. Christian Service Colours will not be awarded to a student for fulfilling their



leadership role. Christian Service Colours can only be awarded when the criteria have been fulfilled and there has been a **valuable involvement or an outstanding contribution** in Social Justice activities over an extended period of time.

Outstanding leadership of a Year 12 student will be recognised via the awarding of the Insignis Award and two of the perpetual Kennedy Awards ~ *Alocoque (Anastasia Mary) Kennedy Award for Leadership* and *William Ormond Kennedy Award for Christian Service*.

### SPECIAL LOYOLA COLLEGE AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING

#### **The Lynne O’Keeffe Awards**

Mrs Lynne O’Keeffe passed away in January 2002 and was held in high esteem by the Loyola College Community. With support from husband Ernie, Lynne was considerably involved in the life of the College from the time their sons Michael (L: 92-97) and Andrew (L: 96-00) studied at Loyola College.

After her death her family set up a number of perpetual *Lynne O’Keeffe Awards* to recognise and celebrate significant achievements by our students in DAV Debating and the Performing Arts, particularly the College Musical Production. The *Lynne O’Keeffe Awards* are presented at the Annual Awards Evening and are eligible to all students who fulfil the criteria. The Awards include a certificate, plaque and a \$50 gift voucher.

#### **The Kennedy Family Awards**

With commission funds provided as Executor of the will of the late Miss Anne Patricia Kennedy, Mr John Kennedy instituted five perpetual awards in memory of family and gratitude for support received as Foundation Principal (September, 1979 – January, 2008).

The Awards are as follows:

- ❖ *Alocoque (Anastasia Mary) Kennedy Award for Leadership*;
- ❖ *Henry Ernest Kennedy (L: 20-21) Award for Religious Education* (Mr H. E. Kennedy, Jesuit novice, service in both World Wars, and other walks of life);
- ❖ *Patricia Kennedy Award for Legal Studies* (Miss A. P. Kennedy, BA, LLB was Deputy Chancellor, La Trobe University);
- ❖ *Philip Kennedy Award for Media* (Bishop P. J. A. Kennedy, DD, BA, LLB, Dip.Soc.Admin., Auxiliary Bishop of Adelaide);

- ❖ *William Ormond Kennedy Award for Christian Service* (Fr. W. O. Kennedy, PP, Rockhampton Diocese, from Dolla (Ireland) in 1949).

The *Kennedy Family Awards* are presented at the Annual Awards Evening and are eligible to all students who fulfil the criteria. The *Kennedy Family Awards* include a certificate, plaque and a \$50 gift voucher.

#### **Sean Simpson Sportsperson of the Year Award**

Mr Sean Simpson is the current President of the Loyola Ex~Students' Association (LEXSA) who attended Loyola College as a member of the first intake from 1980~1986. As a talented sportsman Sean Simpson has instituted an award that recognises the most outstanding sportsman of the year at Loyola College. The *Sean Simpson Sportsman of the Year Award* is presented at the Annual Awards Evening and is eligible to all students who fulfil the criteria. The Award includes a certificate and trophy.

The selection of the most outstanding sportsman will be based on the following criteria in equal parts:

- ❖ Excellence;
- ❖ Commitment;
- ❖ Sportsmanship;
- ❖ Leadership;
- ❖ Active involvement in the Loyola College ACS sport program.

#### **Perizzolo Family Award**

The *Perizzolo Family Award* was instituted at the commencement of 2012 by Mr John Perizzolo (L: 1981~1986). After studying civil engineering and having the good fortune of managing a number of major construction projects in Melbourne, John wanted to acknowledge the contribution that Loyola College has made to his career and family life.

The *Perizzolo Family Award* will be presented for the first time at the 2012 Annual Awards Evening and will be presented to a VCE student that intends to further his or her education with tertiary studies at either the university or TAFE. The Award will include the presentation of a certificate, a plaque and a \$250 cheque to assist with the recipient’s studies.

#### **Insignis Medal**

The Insignis Medal is the highest award at an Ignatian school, awarded to a current student whom St Ignatius would have called “A Companion”. The criteria includes demonstration of leadership skills, being an exemplary role model for our younger



students, a generosity of spirit and service, a consistent commitment in co-curriculum, a positive contribution to the learning environment and being a member of the Loyola College Community for at least 2 years.