



Colours Criteria for 2011

Dear Year 7-12 students,

I have been working with Mr Bell and Mrs Cuthbert to review the academic colours awards and with Mr Bell, Mrs Lorimer and some parent representatives to review the Cultural Colour awards. I decided a review was necessary as some of the criteria were confusing and because I want to ensure that these awards are seen as genuinely prestigious. This message refers to Senior Colours only (Years 7-12) and there has been no change to how we determine Junior Colour (below Year 7).

I remind you that we have a pennants system in place to recognise you for your participation and I encourage you to apply for pennants when you are eligible. There has been no change to the criteria for pennants except that, as from the end of this semester, you must be awarded a Bronze and Silver pennant before you can apply for a Gold.

It is YOUR responsibility to apply for Colours, Half Colour and Pennants.

ACADEMIC COLOURS:

(For students in Year 7 to 12):

Academic Colours will be determined on the basis of your Grade Point Average and your performance on the various ICAS tests each year.

To be eligible to receive an Academic Colour award, a student must satisfy the following criteria. One (1) point will be added to your GPA for a High Distinction in any ICAS test completed at school and 0.5 of a point will be allocated for a Distinction in any ICAS test completed at school.

- 1. Academic Honours and a Half Colour Award**
Criteria: Combined GPA and ICAS score of 4.75 to 5.74
- 2. Academic Honours with Distinction and a Full Colour Award**

Criteria: Combined GPA and ICAS score of 5.75 or higher

3. **An Academic Blue**

Criteria: Achievement of A- or higher in all subjects from Year 7 to the end of Year 11

Notes:

- To be eligible for Half or Full Academic Colours a student must have a minimum subject GPA of 4.00, plus earn additional points from ICAS achievement where a Distinction (0.5 points) or High Distinction (1.0 points) provides the addition points required. A student whose subject GPA is less than 4.00 does not meet eligibility to be considered as a candidate for any Colours.
- Calculation of GPA for Year 7 to 10 is the combination of Semesters One and Two divided by two (the average GPA for the year).
- Calculation for Year 11 is the addition of the two semester GPAs in each year.
- Calculation for Year 12 is the results for the last two semesters (Semester Two of Year 11 and Semester 1 of Year 12). This is designed to allow Year 12 students to receive their awards in time to wear them.
- Scaling of subjects is not applicable in the calculation of colour awards.
- First in subject or first in Year Level do not count towards colour awards, but they are represented on the Senior Blazer. Do we want to exclude 1st in a subject? What about semester courses?

Applying for Half or Full Colours and an Academic Blue:

It is your responsibility to apply for these awards. If you believe you may be eligible for any of these awards you should complete a form available at the student reception desk upstairs in the Staff and Student Welfare Building at least two weeks prior to the final exam block of the year. In other words, if you achieved the GPS required in Semester One (or if you were even close to that GPA and believe your grades have improved in Semester Two) you should submit the form. This application will alert the appropriate person who will review your final grade for the year and determine whether or not your application has been successful.

The list of awards recipients will be publicised prior to Speech Night and you are encouraged to check the list and alert the Director of Studies if you believe there has been a mistake.

CULTURAL COLOURS

Half and Full Colours are awarded for outstanding achievement in school based music and drama performances. They are NOT awarded for achievements outside of school.

Half and Full Cultural Colours for Music:

The awarding of these colours is also based on a points system.

- Half Colours will be awarded to students from Year 7 to 12 who have accumulated 6 or more points in one calendar year.
- Full colours will be awarded to students from Year 7 to 12 who have accumulated 10 or more points in one calendar year.

- College Blues will be awarded to students from Year 7 to 12 who have accumulated 15 or more points in one calendar year.
- These points can be accumulated from a combination of AMEB awards or recognised equivalent, membership of graded College ensembles and performance at recognised eisteddfods. Students completing exams other than AMEB should apply to the Head of Music for consideration.
- Active involvement in one of more College ensembles. These are graded 'A' to 'C'. 'A' Grade ensembles are the premier performance groups. 'B' Grade ensembles are development groups. 'C' Grade ensembles are more social or recreational.

Points are awarded for AMEB:

- Awarded AMEB Grades 4 and above will receive one point for each level. In other words, if you have been awarded AMEB Level 4 you will be awarded 4 points towards colours and if you have been awarded AMEB Level 6 you will be awarded 6 points towards colours.
- This means that a Year 12 student will be eligible for Colours at the end of Semester One and we will be holding a Colours Ceremony to award Year 12 students their colours in early August each year.
- You cannot apply for Cultural Colours on the basis of an AMEB grade alone. You MUST be using your cultural talents at school (in the area of your exam) to accumulate at least four/two points before any award can be made. In other words, recipients of Half / Full Colours for Music must be actively involved in one or two A Grade ensembles.
- Examination results may be used for two years, while you are working towards the next level of achievement. They will expire after two years. Example: your Grade 5 piano exam, which you passed in October of Year 10, may count towards an award for Year 10 and 11, not Year 12.
- For the purposes of Colours, a completed TAFE Certificate III will be awarded 4 points, 5 points will be awarded for successful participation in Cert IV and a completed TAFE Certificate IV will be awarded 6 points.

Table showing points allocation for students who attend 80% or more of all scheduled rehearsals on time and with required equipment.

The Performing Arts Department reserves the right to revise these annually.

A Grade – 2 points	B Grade – 1 point	C Grade – 0 points
Premier performance group VIVACE DRUM LINE FUNKBAND CANTICA LUDI ORCHESTRA (except strings) MUSICAL LEADS A THEATRALS LEAD	Performance group. Developmental group whose members will normally progress to one of the premier groups. CHORALE GUITAR ENSEMBLE STAGE BAND CONCERT BAND MUSICAL LEAD B MUSICAL DANCERS THEATRALS/MUSICAL TECHNICAL	Introductory or social group (performs just for fun). Participation does count for pennants. OCCASIONAL GROUPS MUSICAL CHORUS

CHAMBER MUSIC EXCELLENCE	ANDANTE The Vox (Year 7) Orchestra (Strings)	
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Table showing points awarded for achievements at the Gold Coast eisteddfod (which is deemed to be 'local'). (Points indicated are for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.)

Grade	15 plus competitors (teams)	10-14 competitors (teams)	3-9 competitors (teams)
A	3, 2, 1	2, 1, 0	1, 0, 0
B	2, 1, 0	1, 0, 0	ZERO
C	1, 0, 0	ZERO	ZERO

Regional/State Competition

Grade	15 plus competitors (teams)	10-14 competitors (teams)	3-9 competitors (teams)
A	6,5,4	5,4,3	3,2,1
B	5,4,3	4,3,2	2,1,0
C	4,3,2	3,2,1	1,0,0

National Competition

Grade	Place	Finalist/commendation
A	12,11,10	9

International Competition

Grade	place	National finalist/commendation.
A	15,14,13	12

- Colours points for performance and eisteddfod results accumulate during the one academic year and cannot be carried over.
- Year 7 -12 Cultural Colours will be awarded at the Cultural Awards Evening.

General Notes:

- Students who have been awarded a Senior Full Colour will be presented with their framed pocket at the end of Year 12 IF they have displayed their colours on their blazer since it was awarded AND they supplied it to the Student Administration office (upstairs reception) on or before November
- Students are able to display one signature Colour Pin in Year 7-10 of the highest level of attainment, until such time as the blazer is compulsory.