Middle School and Senior School Merit and Awards System

This system of merit and awards is designed to encourage the development of Macarthur Anglican School standards of excellence in students throughout their school life and to reward them appropriately.

Step 1:
A Merit Award (card) is given on the basis of effort or achievement in a subject area, such as academic excellence improvement in effort or creativity. It can also be given for serving the school or community, for doing voluntary work, for sporting achievements or for some other noteworthy contribution to school life.

Step 2:
A Faculty Award (certificate) is made to a student who earns four (4) merit cards in one faculty area and is presented by the Faculty Head, Sport Co-ordinator, House Co-ordinators, Heads of Year, Chaplain, Deputy Headmaster and Headmaster.

Step 3:
A Certificate of Excellence is awarded to a student who earns five (5) Faculty Awards from at least four (4) different faculties.

Step 4:
The School Award (Green) is presented to a student who earns three (3) Certificates of Excellence. This is an award of great prestige. To receive this award the documentation must be lodged with the Headmaster’s Personal Assistant three (3) weeks prior to Speech Night. The Award is presented at the Excellence in Effort Assembly.

Step 5:
The School Award (Gold) is awarded to a student who has earned three (3) Certificates of Excellence after receiving a School Award (Green). Each of these Certificates of Excellence represents five (5) Faculty Awards from at least three (3) different faculty areas, one of which must be a School Service Award. Documentation must be lodged with the Headmaster’s Personal Assistant at least six (6) weeks prior to Speech Night if the award is to be presented at Speech and Awards Night.

NB: The Gold Award and the Green Award will not be presented in the same year.

Headmaster’s Medallion
A student may become eligible for the Headmaster's Medallion after receiving the School Award (Gold). The Headmaster awards the Medallion after considering the student’s contribution to the whole life of the School – physical, spiritual, service, academic, and sporting contribution. This is Macarthur's highest and most prestigious award of merit.

It is the responsibility of each student to maintain his or her own cards and certificates on the way to successive awards. When the student has accumulated the required number of awards to progress to the next award, he or she should present all of the cards or certificates to the Headmaster’s Personal Assistant. Though each award is recorded in the diary of the student, the responsibility rests with the student to keep the award and present them for the next award. Progress through the various steps will continue from year to year for the student’s life at Macarthur.