ACADEMIC AWARDS AND DUX POSITION PAPER 2015-2017

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Academic Awards

At the end of each academic year awards are presented in the following categories:

- French – P-2 and 3-6
- PE – P-2 and 3-6
- Music – P-2 & 3-6
- Academic Excellence in P-2, 3-5
- Encouragement award P-2 & 3-6
- Attendance awards – all eligible students 95-100% range and special mention 100%

Additionally, the Tom and Barbara Hines award and Dux awards are given to year 6 students.

Dux and Tom and Barbara Hines Award

The Tom and Barbara Hines award is an encouragement award (in the form of a book). It is awarded to a student in their last year of primary school. It is awarded to a student who displays the most improvement for the year. They are not necessarily the best student or athlete. The award acknowledges perseverance.

The Dux has also traditionally been awarded to the student in their last year of primary school who achieves the highest academic standard. It is proposed that from 2015 onwards, the following criteria be used in determining the dux:

1. All students in Year 6 are eligible.
2. No ‘D’ result in any subject reported on the report card in Semester 1 or Semester 2.
3. All subjects in key learning areas are weighted equally. This means student results will be counted in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Technology, The Arts (all strands), PE and French.
4. Student results will be reviewed in each subject eg English B v C; Maths C v A. The student with the highest results in the greatest number of subjects shall be awarded the dux.
5. A committee of staff which includes teachers and teacher aides will review student achievement data and determine the winner of the Dux award. Minutes of these discussions will be kept however they will only be made public insofar as individual student results are not identifiable.
6. If a tie results, the committee will consider additional criteria including, in order,
   a. Effort
   b. Behaviour
7. It may be the case that in some years, there is no dux as a result of students failing to meet the eligibility criteria.
8. The Dux is announced at the end of year celebrations and is awarded a medallion to commemorate the event. Their name is placed on the Honour Board.