

2026 Presentation Ceremony - Awards Criteria

Award	Notes	Criteria			
		Academic	Effort And Behaviour	Attendance	
ACADEMIC AWARDS					
Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Commitment to Learning Awards			Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 95%	
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 High Distinction and Distinction Academic Awards	Averaged across three reporting periods in the year	- High Distinction – averaged GPA 4.75 or better - Distinction – averaged GPA 4.00 or better - No result less than a C	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	
Year 11 and 12 High Distinction and Distinction Awards University Pathway	Averaged across the reporting periods in the Current Year to October in 4 ATAR subjects	- High Distinction – averaged GPA 4.75 or better - Distinction – averaged GPA 4.00 or better - No result less than a C	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	
Year 11 and 12 High Distinction and Distinction Awards Industry Pathway	Based on results in each reporting period meeting the criteria Academic data should be averaged across the three reporting periods with GPS 4.75 and 4.00 as above VET data analysis has to based on term 3 being fullest and latest It is not possible for Year 11 to be High Distinction on this criteria	Any combination below: 2 As and nothing less than a C or Working Towards - Completed and/or On Track to be awarded at least 3 VET Qualifications and nothing less than a C or Working Towards 1 A and completed and/or On Track to be awarded at least 2 VET Qualifications and nothing less than a C or Working Towards	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%, ensuring that % attendance is not impacted by student being on SAT	
Year 7, 8, 9, 10 Honours Awards	Based on Semester One results and the latest T3 reports	The top A student in each subject	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	
Year 11 and 12 Honours Awards	Year 11 – unit 1 results (+partial completion of unit 2) for Applied/Essential subjects Year 12 – unit 3 results	- The top A student in each subject - Certificate II top student - Certificate III top student - Top student in Certificate IV in Business	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	

BURSARIES

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Bursaries Year 7-11	- Bursaries are awarded to celebrate outstanding effort across the areas of: - academic studies - cultural/citizenship - sporting endeavours - leadership - The bursary is applied as a credit amount on the student's school account to use towards school curriculum based expenses the following year. - Up to 20 students (4 per year level) based on application process		- Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	

SPORTS AWARDS

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		Academic	Effort and Behaviour	Attendance	
Australian Representatives	Students who have represented Australia in Secondary School Sporting Association teams.			Minimum attendance of 90%	
State Representatives	Students selected in QSSS QLD team			Minimum attendance of 90%	
District or Regional Representatives	Selection in a Western Ranges District or Metropolitan Regional sporting team			Minimum attendance of 90%	
Service to Sport School based	- Awarded to students who have given years of continuous service and commitment to one or more sporting endeavours at school - Positive attitude - External sports can be acknowledged - Multiple students can be recognized – Year 12 students only - Consistent good sportsmanship displayed			Minimum attendance of 90%	
Sportsperson of the Year School based	- Can be chosen from any student in any year level - Demonstrates strong support for school sport and displays a high level of sportsmanship - A points system is applied to individual performances incorporating participation and representative levels achieved in all school sport - Awarded to one person only each year				
Junior Sportsperson of the Year School based	- Can be chosen from any student in year 7, 8 or 9 level - Demonstrates strong support for school sport and displays a high level of sportsmanship - A points system is applied to individual performances incorporating participation and representative levels achieved in all school sport - Awarded to one person only each year			Minimum attendance of 90%	

ARTS AWARDS

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The Arts Gold Award Senior School Student	- The student who has shown the highest contribution to the Arts throughout the year in year 10, 11 or 12. - Represented the school at Region/State level or higher in presentation/performance - Demonstrated strong long-term leadership within the Arts - Demonstrated dependability in both formal and informal situations - A VHA standard of skills developed from a commitment to practice and rehearsal - Outstanding and enthusiastic commitment to extra-curricular Arts activities. - Usually awarded to only one student across the whole senior school			Minimum attendance of 90%	
The Arts Gold Award Junior School Student	- The student who has shown the highest contribution to the Arts throughout the year in year 7, 8 or 9. - Represented the school at region/state level or higher in presentation/performance - Demonstrated strong long-term leadership within the Arts - Demonstrated dependability in both formal and informal situations - A VHA standard of skills developed from a commitment to practice and rehearsal - Outstanding and enthusiastic commitment to extra-curricular Arts activities. - Usually awarded to only one student across the whole junior school			Minimum attendance of 90%	
Leadership & Service to the Arts	Awarded to year 12 students only who have given 6 years of continuous service and commitment to the Arts (including activities Band, Choir, Musical, Eisteddfod, Building My Future Expo, Arts Showcase, Unmasked or Technical Crew)			Minimum attendance of 90%	
Distinction in the Arts	Awarded to year 12 students only who have participated for four or five years in a particular activity			Minimum attendance of 90%	

FIRST NATIONS AWARDS

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First Nations - Student of the Year Award Years 7-12	- Student who have actively participated in a range of school activities - Demonstrated a strong willingness to support their student peers - Displayed behaviours that clearly promote themselves as a positive role model - A willingness to be involved in their school and their culture - Maximum of 2 students		Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	

SPECIAL AWARDS					
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Year 7 Excellence Award	- Students with the highest GPA based on three reporting periods - Could be more than one student – consider number of Honours awards - Based on Semester One results and the latest T3 reports - Top student in at least 3 subjects - Usually only one student – top student in year level overall		Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	
Year 8 Excellence Award	- Based on Semester One results and the latest T3 reports - Top student in at least 3 subjects - Usually only one student – top student in year level overall		Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	
Year 9 Excellence Award	- Based on Semester One results and the latest T3 reports - Top student in at least 3 subjects - Usually only one student – top student in year level overall		Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	The Year 9 Outreach Student Achiever Award (UQ) Demonstrate academic excellence considering ATAR pathway overcome adversity
Australian Defence Forces Long Tan Leadership Award	- Shows exemplary leadership and teamwork both at school and in the local community. - Application process through the DEANS - Awarded to one Year 10 student and one Year 12 student				
Hospitality Award	- Top student in Hospitality - Based on Semester One results and the latest T3 reports - Must be a continuing student - Must be Year 10 or 11 student		Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	Big Ben's Hospitality Bursary
Somerset Regional Council All Rounder Award Year 10	- One award only - Effective leadership - Involvement in a variety of school and community related activities - Must be a continuing enrolment at LSHS for year 11 and 12	Student must have demonstrated high academic achievement	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	Somerset Regional Council All Rounder Award Year 10
Bendigo Bank Award for School and Community Service	- Service to the school. - Outstanding qualities in all aspects of school life – leadership, citizenship - Lightning Level 1 or 2 - Involvement in a range of school activities - Sense of commitment to the school - Upholds Lowood State High School values		Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	Bendigo Bank Award

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Vocational Education Student of the Year – Year 11	- Actively involved in completing VET subjects to an outstanding level - Strong work ethic - Success in the VET area at school and in the workplace - Year 11 student only - Based on a points system – 5 points for Cert IS, 4 points for SAT, 3 points for Certificate III, 2 points for Certificate II	Effort and Behaviour on report card may be used as a qualifier if students have the same number of points as based on certificates (Based on GPA)	Attendance % may be used as a qualifier	MRael	
Vocational Student of the Year – Year 12	- Actively involved in completing VET subjects to an outstanding level - Strong work ethic - Success in the VET area at school and in the workplace - Year 12 student only - Based on a points system – 5 points for Diploma, 4 points for SAT, 3 points for Certificate III, 2 points for Certificate II	Effort and Behaviour must be Very Good or Excellent on the T3 report card and may be used as a qualifier if students have the same number of points as based on certificates (Based on GPA)	Attendance % may be used as a qualifier	GO TAFE	
Year 10 Excellence Award.	- Year 10 student who has demonstrated leadership or academic excellence - Based on Semester One results and the latest T3 reports - Top student across at least 3 subjects - Winner will be invited to attend the Leadership and Change Maker forum and other exclusive USQ events - Usually only one student – top student in year level overall	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%		
Year 11 Excellence Award	- Year 11 student who has demonstrated leadership or academic excellence - Based on academic achievement to the end of Term 3 - Top student across at least 3 subjects - Winner will be invited to attend the Leadership and Change Maker forum and other exclusive USQ events - Usually only one student – top student in year level overall	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	The Year 11 Outreach Student Achiever Award (UQ) - Demonstrate academic excellence - considering ATAR pathway overcome adversity	
Year 12 Excellence Award	- Year 12 student who has demonstrated leadership or academic excellence - Based on academic achievement to the end of Term 3 - Top student across at least 3 subjects - Only one student – top student in year level overall	Consistently Very Good or Excellent	Minimum attendance of 90%	- Demonstrate academic excellence - considering ATAR pathway overcome adversity	

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Senior Dux	- The student who attains the highest number of marks out of 500 during their Senior ATAR studies - This student must have studied either 5 General subjects OR 4 General subjects and, one Certificate III or above qualification, or one Applied subject. - An attendance rate above 90%				Presented at the beginning of the following year
Highest ATAR Achievement	The student who receives the highest ATAR as awarded by the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)				Presented at the beginning of the following year