

# COLOURS AWARDS

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEARS 7-12)



## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Secondary Colours do not carry over from Junior School Colours. Secondary Colours begin in Year 7.
2. Colours Awards may be awarded to those students who have achieved personal excellence or who have made significant contributions in the areas of Arts, Service, Academic or Sport.
3. Awards can only be received once in each category. Students must be awarded Colours before progressing to Honours. Similarly, students must be awarded Honours before High Honours. They are not generally presented simultaneously.
4. Students who meet the criteria (outlined below) must be nominated by a staff member. Nominations are referred to a Colours Committee comprising of the Head of Senior School, Head of Middle School and the Co-Curricular Coordinator who will liaise with the relevant Heads of Department.
5. All award recipients are approved by the Colours Committee and presented at special Colours Assemblies during term time. All applications are considered and the final decision falls to the Colours Committee.
6. Unsuccessful applications will be provided with feedback regarding their application.
7. Nomination forms and recording sheets for Arts, Service, Academic and Sport are downloadable [here](http://www.gmas.wa.edu.au/student-life/awards-program).  
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8. Applications are due as follows: Years 7-12, three days prior to calendared Colour Assemblies.

## COLOURS CRITERIA

### ACADEMIC COLOURS

The awarding of Academic Colours is via the following criteria:

1. A Year 7 – 10 student who receives the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) "A" grades in all core subjects and not more than one "B" grade across all other subjects in their final Semester 2 report, OR
2. A Year 11 or 12 ATAR student who receives a minimum of four "A" grades and up to two "B" grades (if studying a minimum of five subjects) in their end of year academic statement, OR
3. A Year 11 or 12 VET student who receives all "A" grades and/or a minimum Certificate II in their end of year academic statement, OR
4. A Year 11 or 12 General student who receives all "A" grades in their end of year Academic Statement.
5. Outstanding significant contribution to Academic competitions over a minimum two year period. This is awarded to a student who accumulates a minimum of 12 points or wins first place in a State level competition over Years 7-12. Points will be awarded for participation in and placing in academic competitions.

### ARTS COLOURS

The awarding of Arts Colours is via the following criteria:

1. Outstanding significant contribution to more than one area of school based Arts over an extended period of time, normally 120 hours over minimum of two years e.g. Art exhibitions, Band performances, Choir performances, Musicals, Strings program, Media productions and competitions, OR
2. Individual excellence (first prize at state level) in an Arts discipline e.g. Dance, Drama, Media, Music and Visual Art.

### SERVICE COLOURS

The awarding of Service Colours is via the following criteria:

1. Outstanding significant contribution to community service over an extended period of time, normally 120 hours over a two to three year period e.g. Service Trips (60hrs), coaching (20hrs a season), Cliffs Kitchen, Ironman, Red Shield Appeal, Lions, Rotary, St John Ambulance.
2. Students will be required to provide evidence of service undertaken. Parental validation of student hours by itself is unsatisfactory. Service undertaken cannot be remunerated, only voluntary contributions can be accepted.

## SPORTS COLOURS

The awarding of Sports Colours is via the following criteria:

1. Outstanding significant contribution to sport at GMAS over an extended period of time, minimum two to three year period and in more than one sport. Colours are awarded to a student who accumulates a minimum of 12 points over years 7-12. Students may receive points for each of the following:
  - i) GMAS summer sport, GMAS winter sport, Champion, ACC Carnival representation, placing 1st in Division1 ACC event.
  - ii) GMAS and Association competition awards (MVP/FB), Grand Final winners.
  - iii) Regional representation. eg South West Slammers
2. Awarded to a student who has formally qualified, through trials and selection, to represent the State of Western Australia at National level, or wins a top three placing in a State level competition whilst at GMAS.

## HONOURS CRITERIA

### ACADEMIC HONOURS

The awarding of Academic Honours is via the following criteria:

1. Year 10 students who receive "A" grades in all core subjects (extension stream only) and not more than 1 "B" grade across all other subjects in their final Semester 2 report after achieving Colours in Year 8 or 9, OR
2. Year 11/12 VET student who receives all "A" grades and a Certificate III or higher after completion of Year 11/12 and achieving Colours previously, OR
3. Year 7-12 students who place first to third in a nationally recognised Academic Competition representing WA / Australia.
4. Students must have already been awarded Academic Colours.

### ARTS HONOURS

The awarding of Arts Honours is via the following criteria:

1. Students partaking in service to GMAS in the Arts field over an extended period of time can become eligible for Honours. Students are required to accumulate service over a 3-6 year period and undertake 240 hours involvement.
2. Students must have already been awarded Arts Colours.

### SERVICE HONOURS

The awarding of Service Honours is via the following criteria:

1. Students partaking in voluntary service over an extended period of time can become eligible for Honours. Students are required to accumulate service over a 3-6 year period and undertake 240 hours involvement.
2. Students must have already been awarded Service Colours.

### SPORTS HONOURS

The awarding of Sports Honours is via the following criteria:

1. A student who has placed first to third at National level or has qualified to represent Australia at International level.
2. Students must have already been awarded Sports Colours.

## HIGH HONOURS CRITERIA

The awarding of High Honours is via the following criteria:

1. A Year 11 or 12 student who achieves Honours in all four categories OR
2. A Year 11 or 12 student who already has Honours in a category, then achieves to double the Honours requirement for a given category. For example, Service/Arts would require 480 hours.
3. Students can only be awarded High Honours once, for a given category or achievement.