



# Brescia House

SCHOOL

**POLICY DOCUMENT**

## AWARDS POLICY

### GENERAL

Primary School awards are not valid in the Secondary School and must be removed from blazers before school commences at the beginning of the year.

Award nominations, with relevant motivations, are to be prepared by the educator in charge of the relevant discipline in advance and presented to the School Awards Committee meeting in writing. Final awards are made at the discretion of the committee which is made up of the Headmistress, senior executives and the educators in charge of all respective disciplines: Academics, Debating, Music, Public Speaking, Sports, etc. Documents, discussions and decisions relevant to this meeting are to be regarded as confidential.

The maximum award, in each grade, is given for outstanding achievement in an established discipline. The discipline must form part of the school's regular extra-curricular programme and the pupil's attendance, participation and performance in practices, training, meetings and competition must be excellent. Provincial representation may be taken into consideration. Each discipline may set additional specific criteria should they deem it relevant.

The maximum award per grade will be as follows:

Grade 7	Merit certificate	Certificate
Grade 8	Merit certificate	Certificate
Grade 9	Merit certificate	Certificate
Grade 10	Half-Colours	Certificate and scroll
Grade 11	Colours	Certificate, cord on blazer and quadrant
Grade 12	Colours	Certificate, cord on blazer and quadrant

A certificate acknowledging excellence will be awarded to pupils who achieve provincial or national selection or success in a recognised national event. This will include disciplines that are not offered by the school.

General certificates may be awarded in specific disciplines to acknowledge contribution, commitment and a positive attitude.

A white Honours blazer will be awarded to a pupil who achieves four Colours awards, i.e. she fills each of the quadrants of her Colours badge.

The white Honours blazer may be awarded directly (i.e. without the Colours Quadrant being filled) to a pupil who achieves selection to the highest level of national team possible at school for example, the SASHOC U18A Hockey Team or the USSASA U19A Squash Team. This selection must be supported by subsequent participation in an officially recognised international event. Should these criteria be met, the Awards Committee will determine whether the blazer will be awarded based on the following considerations:

- The degree of participation and performance demonstrated by the pupil, in that particular discipline, at Brescia House School.
- The attitude and commitment of the pupil with regard to her contribution to the school, with specific focus on her sportsmanship.

In all cases the behaviour and general standing of the pupil within the school must be exemplary.

The awards policy is reviewed annually.

## ACADEMIC

Academic awards are presented at prize giving and end of year awards ceremonies to grades 7 to 11. Grade 12 pupils receive awards at the end of the second term (awards ceremony after completion of preliminary examinations); these are recorded in the prize giving booklet at prize giving. The values stated below, based on the year mark or promotion mark are absolute and no discussion will be entered into.

### Grades 7 to 9

Academic awards for an average of 80%, calculated on all subjects at the designated weighting, with no learning area under 60%. The award is a metallic badge, which may be worn for a year from the date of the award.

### Grades 10 to 12

Academic awards for grades 10 to 12 are calculated on a points system (see below). Full points are awarded to the best six academic subjects, half points to Life Orientation. A mark of 75% or above must be achieved for Life Orientation.

Symbol	Mark	Points	
		Best 6 subjects	Life Orientation
A+	85	4.50	2.25
A	80	4.00	2.00
B+	75	3.50	1.75
B	70	3.00	1.50
C+	65	2.50	1.25
C	60	2.00	1.00

### Grade 10

An academic scroll is awarded for 24 points or higher, calculated on the points awarded for the best six subjects plus half points for Life Orientation.

### Grade 11 and 12

Academic colours are awarded for 22 points or higher calculated on the points awarded for the best six subjects plus half points for Life Orientation. This is engraved in a quadrant of the badge.

## **AWARDS CEREMONIES**

### Grades 7 to 9

In each grade, the top pupil, calculated on the promotion mark (the average of all subjects at the designated weighting), is awarded the class prize.

Certificates are awarded to the top grade 9 pupils in the following Learning Areas: Languages (English and First Additional Language), Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Economic and Management Sciences, Arts and Culture, Technology, Social Sciences and Life Orientation. These certificates are calculated on the full year's work. The pupil who is awarded the class prize is excluded from these awards.

Certificates are given to pupils who achieve distinctions in a subject, calculated on the promotion mark.

In addition, certificates are given in each grade to pupils who:

1. are deemed to have made noticeable progress
2. have shown particular application.

### Grades 10 to 12

The Dux scholar is the pupil who achieves the highest points total in the grade 12 preliminary examinations. In the event of a tie, the prize will be awarded to the pupil with the highest total marks for the best six subjects.

A prize is awarded to the top grade 12 pupil in each subject, calculated on the full year's work, including examinations, practicals, orals and portfolio. The Dux Scholar is excluded from these awards.

In each grade the top pupil (the pupil who achieves the highest points in the year mark) is awarded the class prize. In the event of a tie, the prize will be awarded to the pupil with the highest total marks for the best six subjects.

In addition, certificates are given in each grade to pupils who:

1. are deemed to have made noticeable progress
2. have shown particular application.

### **End of year awards ceremony:**

Certificates are given to pupils in grade 10 to 11 who achieve distinctions in one or more subjects, calculated on the promotion mark. Academic badges, scrolls and colours are re-calculated on the promotion mark and awarded to grade 10 and 11 pupils who did not achieve the award at prize giving.