



MERIT BADGES POLICY

Aim:

- Promote positive and responsible behaviour among students.
- Recognise and reward students who consistently demonstrate positive and responsible behaviour.
- Promote positive culture within our school.

Process:

- Teachers nominate students from their class for award.
- Nominations are checked by all staff – teachers, specialist teachers and teacher aides.
- Final nominations are given to Administration Officer for typing of nominations for assembly.
- Typed nomination lists are given back to class teacher for checking.
- Class teacher checks this list, signs to indicate it is correct (or makes necessary changes) and returns to Administration Officer.
- Administration Officer generates parent invitations.
- Badges are awarded by teachers on assembly.

Timelines:

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| Term 2 | Week 4 | Nominations due |
| | Weeks 6-8 | Badge presentations assembly |
| Term 3 | Week 6 | Nominations due |
| | Weeks 8-9 | Badge presentations assembly |
| Term 4 | Week 4 | Nominations due |
| | Weeks 6-7 | Badge presentations assembly |

Badge Awarded

| Junior School | | Senior School | |
|---------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| Prep | Red | Year 3 | Bronze |
| Year 1 | Blue | Year 4 | Silver |
| Year 2 | Green | Year 5 | Gold |
| | | Year 6 | Senior Merit |

Junior School

- One badge only for the year level can be awarded to the student. All eligible students in the year level are awarded the appropriate badge for that year level.

Senior School

2016 only

- Students are to be awarded the badge only for that year level (regardless of whether they have earned earlier badges)

2017

- Students must earn each badge in order. For example a silver badge cannot be awarded until a bronze badge is earned, regardless of the year level of the student.

- More than one badge may be earned in a year but a student may not progress beyond the badge allocated for that year level.
- Spreadsheets tracking the awarding of badges will be provided to teachers by Administration Officer. Teachers are to check this spreadsheet to ensure the appropriate badge is awarded for that student.

Criteria for Awarding a Merit Badge

All students should be provided with a copy of the Criteria, and this placed inside their homework book. It should be referred to frequently and the student monitor their performance against this criteria.

- How Do I Earn a Smiley Badge Prep – 2
- How Do I Earn a Bronze, Silver and Gold Badge
- How Do I Earn a Senior Merit Badge

Attendance Criteria for all students Prep – 6

Any student nominated for a badge must achieve 95% attendance for the previous 6 months. Where a teacher believes there are exceptional circumstances for absence which does not meet this benchmark, they must discuss this nomination with Principal or Deputy Principal.

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