



# New Plymouth Girls' High School

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## HONOURS AWARD GUIDELINES

### Philosophy:

The New Plymouth Girls' High School Honours Award recognises excellence and outstanding achievement at a National or International level across the range of activities available to students at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Activities outside New Plymouth Girls' High School may also be considered for the award. Honours will be awarded to recognise exceptional achievement by students in one or more of the following areas; leadership, academic, speaking, arts, sport or cultural. The Honours Award consists of the Honours Blazer which students are thereafter permitted to wear and the Honours Badge / Bar.

### General Eligibility:

Year 12 and Y13 students will be eligible for the award. Year 11 students can only earn the award under **exceptional circumstances**. The Blazer will be awarded once only and the student is entitled to wear it at school and on occasions when representing the school. An Honours Badge and Bar will also be presented. Further awards will be acknowledged by additional Bars to add to the Honours Badge.

The nominee must have demonstrated:

- Loyalty and a positive attitude to study and school life in general,
- Compliance with all academic requirements, i.e. completion of homework, class work, assignments,
- Regular attendance,
- That they have met the required level of participation, achievement and commitment in the activity/area they are applying in / being nominated for,
- That they have adhered to the school rules including wearing uniform correctly and exemplary behaviour.

Students who do not meet these criteria will not be considered for an award.

The criteria for each category will be determined by each discipline in consultation with the Honours Awards Committee and will be a guideline. (Refer to the criteria for each category.)

### **Nomination / Application Procedure:**

- Honours Committee meetings will be publicised several weeks in advance.
- Nomination / Application forms are to be completed a month prior to an Honours Assembly and submitted to the Deputy Principal in charge.
- Nominations will be considered by the Honours Committee and recommendations made.
- Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the deans and deputy principal of the respective year levels (and relevant staff if appropriate) for confirmation of a nominee's / applicant's general eligibility / suitability for an Award.
- The Committee will meet and the final decision for making Awards determined by the Honours Committee.
- Parents of a student receiving an Honours Award will be invited to the Honours Assembly. The Award will remain a surprise to the student concerned.
- The Deputy Principal's PA will arrange the use of an Honours Blazer for the Assembly from the Uniform Shop. Thereafter the student can either purchase an Honours Blazer or arrange for their blazer to be altered.
- The Deputy Principal's PA will organise the Honours Badges / Bars and Certificates.

### **Award and Withdrawal of Honours:**

The Principal, in consultation with relevant staff may withdraw an Honours Award if the recipient no longer meets the conditions of the Award.

The final decision to make an Award or to withdraw it is ultimately that of the Principal.

### **Appeal Process:**

In the event of an appeal, this is to be submitted in writing to the Principal. Information that supports the appeal will be required and the decision of the Principal will be final.

### **Honours Committee:**

The Honours Committee will be comprised of six staff: Principal, Deputy Principal, Sports Director, Arts Representative, Speaking Representative and Scholarship Co-ordinator. The Principal is the Chairperson of the Committee.



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### HONOURS AWARD CATEGORIES

***Nominees must meet the general eligibility criteria for nomination as well as the specific criteria for the activity in which they are being nominated.***

#### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

**Criteria for Nomination:**

To be awarded to the Head Girl and Deputy Head Girls by virtue of their positions.

#### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

**Criteria for Nomination:**

To be awarded to:

- The top performing academic Year 10 in NCEA Level 1
- The top performing academic student in NCEA Level 1
- The top performing academic Year 11 in NCEA Level 2
- The top performing academic student in NCEA Level 2
- The top performing academic Year 12 in NCEA Level 3
- Year 12's gaining New Zealand Scholarship

#### DEBATING/PUBLIC SPEAKING/MOOTING

**Criteria for Nomination:**

**Debating / Public Speaking / Mooting**

- Winner of a significant competition at national level

## PERFORMING and VISUAL ARTS

### Criteria for Nomination:

#### Drama:

*The nominee must have held a major role in:*

- Sheilah Winn and be a winner of the National Festival
- A Drama and won a place to the Globe Theatre

#### Performing Arts:

*The nominee must have held a major role in:*

- Kapahaka and won a National performance
- Dance and won a National performance

#### Visual Arts:

*The nominee must:*

- Have been selected as a finalist in a significant National Visual Arts competition
- Have gained entry into a significant National Visual Arts Exhibition

#### Music:

*The nominee must have played a major part as:*

- Winner of the National Smokefree Rock Quest competition
- A member of a group that won a National title, e.g. Band / Orchestra / Choir / Big Sing
- Winner of a National composition competition

*Note: Consideration will be given to nominees who have won nationally in an area where no school event exists or where the student is disadvantaged by limited participants.*

## SPORT

### Criteria for Nomination:

- This is an **individual award** which recognises a student's performance in sport at the highest level
- Nominees must have represented NPGHS wherever possible in the year of the award
- There must be evidence of commitment and hard work within their sport
- Nominations in sports not offered by the school will be considered
- The degree of difficulty in achieving success which may include a compilation of significant achievements in a particular sport

## CULTURAL

- A student who has achieved a title at international level in an area that is not offered through the school may be considered for an award.