MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

STUDENT AWARD SYSTEM

PURPOSE

Students are to be rewarded so to publicly recognise their specific accomplishments and to encourage them and other students in the school community to continue to strive for their personal best in all their endeavours. The awarding of certificates at MCC is considered to be best practice for providing students with positive reinforcement for successful achievement in all dimensions of College life.

RECOGNITION OF EXCEPTIONAL AND CONSISTENT BEHAVIOUR

1. Acknowledgement Vouchers:

These are awarded to the students by staff to recognise positive traits and to encourage students to be appropriate role models for other students in the school community. They are given on the spot, as a quick positive recognition/reinforcement to a student who a teacher deems to have earned it. These are recorded and drawn fortnightly for a movie pass.

2. Application Awards:

An Application Award is given to a student for a high overall standard in the majority of his/her subjects over a one term period. It is for consistent behaviour and effort and will be awarded after teachers have completed a computer based Application Log.

Each student will be awarded one of four grades in a number of areas. The four grades being: Always, Most of the Time, Cause for Concern, and Unacceptable.

The Application Award will be given to any student who receives Always and Most of the Time grades only.

3. Award Levels:

Blue Award

A Blue Award will be given when a student has one Application Award and has actively participated in at least one community activity such as rep sport, choir, debating, peer support etc. This award is given at the end of term.
### Bronze Award

A Bronze Award will be given when a student has an Application Award, a Blue Award and has actively participated in at least one community activity. This award is given at the end of a term and it takes at least 2 terms to earn this. The Community activity may be the same as in the first term if it has been an ongoing activity, eg. Choir, or it needs to be another activity if they are not ongoing, eg. Rep sport days.

### Silver Award

A Silver Award will be given when a student has an Application Award, a Blue Award, a Bronze Award and has actively participated in at least one community activity. This award is given at the end of a term and takes at least 3 terms to earn this. These students will earn a barbeque with the Principal at the end of the term.

### Gold Award

A Gold Award extends over one calendar year and is for excellence. A Gold Award will be given when a student has an Application Award, a Blue Award, a Bronze Award, a Silver Award and actively participates in at least one community service. This award is given at the end of the term and takes four terms to gain. For Gold the community service must come from at least 2 domains, eg. Sport and the Arts or Leadership and Cultural etc. These students will be given a day out at the end of the year and all Gold winners will be presented at an Award ceremony. (In Yr 12, students would all commence with Bronze and bypass Blue as Gold needs to be gained by the end of Term 3).

### NB:

- Year Coordinators validate all awards before issue.
- Awards can only be given to students without SADs or LADs in the particular term.
- To receive the awards, students will have to have their Community Service sheet completed and validated by the Year Coordinator.
- Any student receiving Gold for 6 years would receive the MacKillop Award which acknowledges outstanding achievement in, and contribution to, the College Community.

### ACADEMIC AWARDS

There have always been a large range of Academic awards presented to students at MacKillop.

As part of the 2012/3 School Improvement Plan we are presently reviewing all our awards and award ceremonies. This will be finalized early in 2013.