

Academic Awards Criteria

'Presenting Fairholme'

Years 7 – 12

General Merit Certificates are awarded at 'Presenting Fairholme' in alphabetical order and are based on results accrued in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

A fifteen point numerical scale is used and then a weighting is applied to assessment grades to calculate achievement. Using this process, Certificates of General Merit are awarded to **approximately** the top twelve - fifteen percent in each cohort. A slight variation on these percentages may occur in a given year.

Special Awards

Special Awards are presented each year to girls in the Middle and Senior Schools. Awards are presented in various areas within each year level.

Valedictory Assembly Year 12 – Awards presented at the Valedictory Assembly

Year 12 Prizes awarded are based on the fullest academic information available at the time of publication. Awards include:

- Top student in subject
- Ordine Tertia (third in cohort)
- Proxime Accessit (second in cohort)
- Dux (first in cohort)

The selection panel utilises a variety of academic measures including the following information in its decision making:

- Academic performance in each subject
- Provisional raw SAIs (Standard Achievement Indicators) of students at that time
- QSA Form R6 position as verified by Panel

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Certificates of Academic Excellence Scholars' Assembly

Based on academic performance in Semester Two

Certificates of Academic Excellence are awarded to eligible students each semester; at Scholars' Assembly in January where we recognise the achievements of our students for Semester 2 of the previous year and in early August where we recognise the achievements of our students for Semester 1 of the current year.

The same criteria applies:

Students in Year 7 (10 academic subjects) need to have gained a minimum of six A's;
students in Years 8 (9 academic subjects) need to have gained a minimum of six A's;
students in Year 9 (8 academic subjects) need to have gained a minimum of five A's;
students in Year 10 (7 academic subjects) need to have gained a minimum of five A's and
students in Years 11 and 12 need to have gained a minimum of three A's to be eligible to receive an Academic Excellence certificate.