HIGH SCHOOL CHANGES FOR 2015 – REPORTS AND AWARDS

During Term 4 of 2014, separate committees were formed to consider the academic reports that we provide for students and the manner in which we reward students for exemplary participation, effort and achievement in College life. The recommendations of both committees in relation to changes for 2015 are outlined below.

Academic Reports in 2015

You will notice the following changes to reports throughout 2015:

- The SACE Grade will be removed from Year 11 and 12 reports. A single grade from A+ to E- will be provided. The Stage 1 (Year 11) SACE grade will be in the same grade band as the A+ to E- grade achieved. Stage 2 (Year 12) grades will be the subject teacher’s best determination of what the student’s final SACE grade will be, based on assessed work throughout the year.
- Descriptors (such as Bookwork) will be removed across all year levels, with the exception of Homework, which will remain. The Effort (formerly referred to as Attitude) of students will still be assessed and a comment provided at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.
- Students will not need to return Report Folders in 2015.

Student Awards in 2015

The way that Cedar rewards academic achievement will change in 2015. In the past, students who have achieved all A-grades in a report have received an Academic Award, and Subject/Class awards have been presented at the end of year Presentation Evening. These awards will not be presented in 2015. They will be replaced with the following awards.

Academic Merit, Honours and High Honours – to be presented at the end of Term 1, 2 and 3, and the end of year Presentation Evening.

- The recipients of these awards will be determined based on the Grade Point Average (GPA) achieved by students at the end of each reporting period, and also as an average of the Semester 1 and Term 3 GPA, for the end of year Presentation Evening.
  Different certificates will be determined as such:
  > Academic High Honours – Grade Point Average of 14 or above
  > Academic Honours – Grade Point Average of between 13.5 and 13.99
  > Academic Merit – Grade Point Average of between 12.5 and 13.49

The Grade Point Average – will be calculated as a mean score out of 15, based on an A+ to E- 15 point scale. Within this system an A+ will count for 15 points, an A 14 points, an A- 13 points and so on.

Middle School Subject Awards - to be presented at the end of year Presentation Evening.
- One Year 9 student will be awarded the Middle School Subject Award for each of the subjects taught within the Middle Years at Cedar.
  The recipients of these awards will be determined based on the following:
  > Consistently outstanding results in the learning area throughout Middle School
  > Consistency in effort and application
  > Supportive and encouraging of other students within the subject
  > A “Most Improved Award” will also be presented to one student who has demonstrated the most improvement throughout the Middle Years.

Year Level Dux (Year 7-11) - to be presented at the end of year Presentation Evening.
- The recipient of this award is the student at each year level who achieves the highest Grade Point Average over the course of the year. This will be calculated as an average of the Semester 1 and Term 3 Grade Point Average.

Stage 2 Subject Dux - to be presented at the end of year Presentation Evening.
- The recipient of this award is the student who (for each Stage 2 subject) achieves the best overall result within each Stage 2 subject. This award replaces the Year 12 subject/class awards previously awarded.

All other awards remain the same as has been the case in previous years. A document outlining all of the awards to be presented at Cedar College in 2015 will be available on the College website. If you have any questions in relation to the changes to reports or awards in 2015 please do not hesitate to contact us at the College.

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