**MERIT AND AWARD SYSTEM**

The Merit & Award System is designed to encourage students to maximise their potential by participation and involvement in learning activities, extra-curricular activities and in the wider community.

**CATEGORIES OF MERIT CERTIFICATES**

A student can receive Merit Certificates for participation and achievement in the five categories below:

1. **ACADEMIC MERIT**
   - This is awarded for classroom achievement and application. Each faculty/learning area has their own Academic Merit policy.

2. **SPORTING MERIT**
   - This is awarded for sporting participation, achievement and representation.

3. **COMMUNITY SERVICE MERIT**
   - This is awarded for charity work or service to the community, e.g. participation in "Red Shield Appeal" and other appeals, provision of assistance to others, coaching or managing sporting teams, earning qualifications and certificates from community bodies.

4. **SCHOOL SERVICE MERIT**
   - This is awarded for outstanding participation in any school based activity deemed to be of service to the school or of benefit to other students, e.g. Social Committee, School Council, Library Assistant, Peer Support Leader, SRC involvement.

5. **CULTURAL MERIT**
   - This is awarded for participation in cultural activities organised: By the school, e.g. musical performances, debating, public speaking, drama performances, Showcase. Outside the school e.g. musicals, group or individual performances, (e.g. at Carols by Candlelight etc.) or through support roles, lighting backstage production etc. Independent Work Experience organisation and participation.

**WELL DONE CLUB**

Towards the end of each Term 1, 2 and 3, each faculty nominate students from each junior year level.

Each faculty base their nominations on their own criteria and faculty discussion.

No student can be nominated if they have had a negative behaviour report from anywhere in the school during that term.

The Deputy Principal will then make a final list of 28 students from each Year level to be entered into the "Well Done Club" and these students will be invited to participate in a rewards activity in the last week of term. This will be formalised with a letter home and a certificate.

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**Year 7 Camp 2015**

**27th to 30th April**

**Jindabyne Sport & Recreation Centre**

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### Merit Categories
- Academic
- Sporting
- Cultural
- School Service
- Community Service

### Award Categories
- **Year Adviser Bronze Award**
  - 5 Merits

- **Year Adviser Silver Award**
  - 10 Merits across 2 or more categories

- **Principal Gold Award**
  - 15 Merits across 3 or more categories

- **Principal Platinum Award**
  - 20 Merits across all 5 categories

- **Certificate of Excellence**
  - At least one Merit in each category to be awarded on Speech Day

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A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict. After Separation

- Title: "A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict. After Separation"
- Details: A course designed to help parents navigate the challenges of co-parenting after separation.

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Bringing Up Great Kids

- Title: "Bringing Up Great Kids"
- Details: Strategies and tips for raising healthy, happy, and confident children.

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Centacare NSW

- Contact: www.centacarenewcastle.org.au
- Services: Providing support and services for families and individuals in need.

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