



EMPIRE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL AWARDS POLICY

EBPS will develop a future-focused community of life-long, engaged learners where students feel valued and have a strong sense of belonging, supported by caring and dedicated staff.

PURPOSE:

To provide a fair and transparent process in the selection of major awards at our school Presentation Day with the aim to communicate to the school community how the school manages the selection of award recipients and to list the awards presented.

RATIONALE:

The pursuit of academic, cultural, social and physical excellence is valued at Empire Bay Public School. Those who demonstrate outstanding achievement and/or commitment to achieving their potential in these domains should be rewarded as an encouragement to themselves and as a model for fellow students.

OBJECTIVES:

At Empire Bay Public School, we believe in fostering a culture of continuous improvement by celebrating and sharing the successes of individual students. We motivate students to achieve learning goals through ongoing positive effort, as reflected in our School Values.

The following strategies are a vital part of school practices:

- Fortnightly recognition of academic, social and sporting successes at K-2/3 – 6 Assemblies
- Fortnightly communication of student successes via the school's newsletter
- Student celebrations of success, as part of PBL and Learner Dispositions
- End-of-year recognition of student success at the Annual Presentation Assembly
- Consistent, specific verbal praise by teachers to individual students
- Personal verbal &/or written communication of individual student success by teachers & the Principal to parents, carers & the wider community
- Classroom displays of exemplary student work

TIMELINE:

The Annual Presentation Assembly will be held at school in Term 4 each year. The program, time and date will be set annually by the Principal and teaching staff.

YEAR 6 FORMAL ASSEMBLY:

Graduation/Leavers Certificates will be presented at the Year 6 Formal Assembly as a public recognition and acknowledgement. This occurs on the last day of school.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION:

At Empire Bay Public School you can expect we will:

- Use a range school and non-school based data to assess academic achievement.
- Consult with teaching staff to determine recipients of major awards.

The **school** is expected to:

- Set aside a date in Term 4 to hold the presentation in the school hall.
- Form a committee to organise the program, trophies, banners, badges, certificates etc.

Teachers are expected to:

- Notify families of the awards to be received but not the award title. This will be done in writing and include an RSVP. Major Awards will be notified by phone and in writing.
- Participate actively in the consultation process to select award recipients.
- Disclose any perceived conflicts of interest to the Principal.
- Keep results confidential.
- Record awards on the school database.

Parents and students invited to the presentation are expected to:

- Have responded to the RSVP.
- Arrive early and be seated so that we can start promptly.
- Remain in the hall until the conclusion of the presentation (about 1 ½ hours).
- Hold applause, when requested, until after all recipients for class awards have been presented.
- Silence mobile phones, watches, alarms etc.
- Students attending should be in full school uniform. If this may be a problem, please contact us so we can assist you in meeting this expectation.
- Dress appropriately for a formal school event. School Captains will need to be in full school uniform and will wear a school blazer.
- Please follow the directions of school staff in the event of any emergency or disruption.
- Students who are unwell (in discussion with the classroom teacher) or on Suspension, must not be present in the audience.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION AWARDS:

Criteria:

Awards will be presented to students in Early Stage 1 – Stage 3. . Major Award recipients at the Annual Presentation Assembly will be decided in consultation with teaching colleagues and the Executive Staff.

Teachers' professional judgement is fully recognised in the selection processes and it is understood that teachers are in a position to account for decisions made. Please see list of awards and a short description on the following pages.

GENERAL CLASS AWARDS:

Each class will be awarded four awards on Presentation Day (as decided by the class teacher/s)

- **Mathematics Award** – for consistent high application and achievement in Mathematics.
- **English Award** – for consistent high application and achievement in English.
- **Citizenship/Values** – for displaying positive citizenship and empathy towards others and exemplifying positive behaviour at all times.
- **Other** – teacher’s choice award which could include: most improved, high achievement in a KLA, consistent effort etc.

MAJOR AWARDS:

Award	Description/Criteria
Rose	High Achievement in Year 2
Ian Macey	High Achievement in Mathematics Year 4
Band	Concert Band Training Band
John and Jean Irvine Performing Arts	Outstanding Achievement in Year 6
Library	Two Year 5 students
Key Learning Areas (Year 6)	<i>Mathematics</i> <i>English</i> <i>Science & Technology</i> <i>HSIE</i> <i>PDHPE</i> <i>Visual Arts</i>
Jenny Laing	Citizenship Year 6
Volunteer of the Year	A student who demonstrate the qualities that a person is expected to have as a responsible member of a community Year 3 – 6
Public Speaking	High achievement Year 3 – 6
Environment	High achievement Year 3 – 6
Premiers Sporting Challenge	High achievement Year 3 – 6
Male and Female Sportsperson of the Year	Points Award for a boy and a girl in Year 3 – 6 (see below for more information)
Academic Excellence	Awarded to the highest-ranking student in academic achievement in: Year 3 Year 4 Year 5
Academic Excellence – DUX	Awarded to the highest-ranking student in academic achievement in Year 6.

MALE AND FEMALE SPORTSPERSON POINTS:

A boy and a girl champion is selected from results at school, zone, area and state carnival. The champions are selected through a points systems as outlined below:

Major Carnival participation in:

- 1 point: Zone
- 2 Points: Regional
- 3 points: State
- 4 points: Nationals

PSSA Sport participation in:

- 1 point: School
- 2 points: Zone
- 3 points: Regional
- 4 Points: State

Complaints Procedures

Parents with complaints regarding implementation of the procedures set down in this document should discuss their concerns with the organising teacher in the first instance, although award decisions made by the school are final.

Review Date:

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