



2026 Awards Handbook

Rational

Yeppoon State High School recognises outstanding student achievement through the presentation of individual awards at annual Night Of Excellence. This handbook details the types of awards, the award criteria, the nomination process and how a decision is reached and communicated. The intent of this handbook is to provide clarity on the award process and student eligibility.

This handbook covers awards where Yeppoon State High School holds the responsibility to decide who will receive the award; and who will present the award.

This handbook does not address awards or achievements that a student may achieve independent of the school or where the decision on who receives the awards rests with an outside agency. (eg; AMEB Music exams, sporting achievements outside of the Queensland Schools Secondary Sports Association).

Award Categories

• Citizenship Excellence Awards	• Academic Excellence Awards - Year 7 – Year 12
• Global Citizenship Awards	• Vocational Excellence Awards - Year 10 – Year 12
• Cultural Excellence Awards	• Subject Honours Awards - Year 12
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• Senior Leadership Acknowledgement Awards	• House Captains Awards
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Key Dates

Night of Excellence Award – 20 October 2026

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Citizenship Excellence Awards (Yrs 7 - 12)	HOD – Junior School HOD – Middle School HOD – Senior School	YSHS Certificate

The Citizenship Excellence Awards are presented to those students who have shown a commitment to a range of community and school events or activities. This is demonstrated by actively participating in community events, volunteering, committee, membership, extra-curricular activities, leadership positions, school events, and encouraging others by being a positive role model.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Global Citizenship Awards (Yrs 7 – 12)	HOD Social Sciences & Languages	YSHS Certificate

Yeppoon State High School is committed to preparing our students for their role in an ever globalised world. Across our school we embedded international perspectives, teach cultural understanding, and foster global citizenship.

The Global Citizenship Excellence Award recognises students' engagement, and participation in our global community. To receive this award, students participate in the Japanese Excellence program and actively participated in at least two of the international opportunities of our school including; being a buddy for international students, engaging in our sister school communications, providing a homestay, or striving for excellence through international scholarship programs.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Cultural Excellence Awards (Yrs 7 – 12)	HOD - The Arts	YSHS Certificate

The Cultural Excellence Awards are awarded to students who participate in three or more school cultural events and at least one cultural event in the wider community during the year.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Creative Generation Awards (Yrs 7 – 12)	HOD - The Arts	YSHS Certificate

Each year, Queensland state and non-state schools offering senior visual art are invited to submit up to four student artworks for the *Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art* program. From these artwork submissions students are shortlisted and if successful will receive Regional Encouragement Awards, Commendation Awards of Excellence Awards.

The Central Queensland Exhibition will be held at the Emu Park Gallery in October each year.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Senior Leadership Acknowledge Awards	Senior Performance Team	YSHS Certificate

The Senior Leadership Acknowledgement Awards are presented to students who have fulfilled their leadership role with pride and enthusiasm. They have represented their school in a positive manner, encouraging students from all year levels to participate in school activities, and to become valuable members of our school.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
QATSIF Scholarship Awards	Deputy Principal - Inclusion	YSHS Certificate

Students have completed the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Scholarship.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
QATSIF Creative Arts Competition Awards	Deputy Principal - Inclusion	YSHS Certificate

Students have been recognised in the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation creative arts competition.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Academic Excellence Awards (Yrs 7 – 12)	Not applicable	YSHS Certificate

The Academic Excellence Awards are presented to students in Years 7 to 12.

For Year 7 - 10 the Academic Excellence Awards are taken from the students top 5 subjects, where students were required to achieve at least 3 A's and no less than a B across all subjects on their Semester 1 report card.

For Year 11 – 12 the Academic Excellence Awards are taken from the students top 5 subjects, where students were required to achieve at least 1 A and no less than a B and the student is on track for their Certificate courses on Term 3 report card.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Vocational Excellence Awards (Yrs 7 – 12)	Vocational Education & Pathways	YSHS Certificate

Students will be recognised as the highest performing student in their subject area receiving the Vocational Excellence Awards.

Certificate I in Construction	Certificate III in Fitness (Year 12)
Certificate II in Sampling & Measurement (Year 10)	Certificate III in Health Services Assistance
Certificate III in Aviation (Year 10/11)	Assistant in Nursing (AIN)
Certificate III in Sport and Recreation (Year 12)	

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Subject Honours Awards - Year 12	Faculty HODS	YSHS Certificate

Year 12 students have been recognised as the highest performing student in their subject area receiving the Year 12 Subject Honours Award.

Agricultural Practices	Furnishing Skills	Mathematics - Specialist
Ancient History	General English	Media Arts in Practice
Aquatic Practices	Hospitality Practices	Modern History
Biology	Japanese	Music
Business	Legal Studies	Physical Education
Business Studies	Literature	Physics
Chemistry	Marine Science	Social and Community Studies
Drama	Mathematical - Methods	Sport and Recreation
Engineering Skills	Mathematics - Essential	Visual Arts
Essential English	Mathematics - General	Visual Arts in Practice

SPECIAL AWARDS

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Brian & Olive Dorey Achievement Awards	HOD – The Arts HOD English	YSHS Certificate, Medallion, \$200 School Fees

- BRIAN & OLIVE DOREY MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT BURSARY
- BRIAN & OLIVE DOREY LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT BURSARY
- BRIAN & OLIVE DOREY ART ACCOMPLISHMENT BURSARY

These awards recognise the achievement of a Year 7 student who has demonstrated enthusiasm and ability in the areas of Writing, Music and Art which provides each student with \$200 towards their school fees.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Lions Community Service to Others Award	Senior Performance Team	YSHS Certificate, \$400 Gift Card

In conjunction with Olive Dorey the Lions Club of Yeppoon have kindly sponsored the Lions Community Service to others Award. The award is being presented to a Year 12 student who has been heavily involved with the Student Action Group and who have completed and implemented many community tasks and run and organised many fundraising events within the school community. They will receive \$400.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Livingstone Shire Council	HOD – The Arts Senior Performance Team	YSHS Certificate, Trophy, \$100 Gift Card

➤ **LIVINGSTONE SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL AWARD – YEAR 9 – YEAR 12**

This award celebrates the rich cultural talent that exists in our school community. A student who has contributed to a range of cultural pursuits will receive this award.

➤ **LIVINGSTONE SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – YEAR 9 – YEAR 12**

The Livingstone Shire Council Community Service Award recognises a student who has assisted and supported those less fortunate in the community. The recipient has worked consistently throughout the year and taken a high profile in organising and running fundraising and other key community service events.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Nigel Hutton – Member for Keppel	HOD Middle & Senior Performance Team	YSHS Certificate, \$100 Gift Card
➤ COMMUNITY AWARD - JUNIOR & SENIOR		

This award is presented to a student who reflects the school values through civic duties, community service and volunteer work, and has kindly donated \$100 to a junior student.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Nigel Hutton – Member for Keppel	HOD – Vocational Education & Pathways	YSHS Certificate, \$100 Gift Card
➤ HEALTH STUDENT OF THE YEAR		

This award is presented to a student who has performed at a high level in their health studies throughout the year, and has kindly donated \$100 to a senior student.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Sportsmanship Award (Yrs 9 – 12)	HOD - HPE	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

This award goes to a student who has shown an interest in level sports which sets an example for others to follow. The recipient of the award has represented the school in a range of sports for several years, always with a positive attitude and enthusiastic manner.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Sportsperson Of The Year Award (Yrs 9 – 12)	HOD - HPE	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

The Sportsperson of the Year award goes to a student who has performed at a high level in a range of sports throughout the year.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Musical Excellence Award (Yrs 9 – 12)	HOD – The Arts	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

This award is provided for a student who is enrolled in music and is a member of one or more of the school ensembles. The recipient needs to epitomise the values and talents of our exceptional music program.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Saxby Family Encouragement Award For Drama (Yrs 10 – 12)	HOD – The Arts	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

This award recognises excellence in the area of drama and acknowledges the cultural richness students working in performing arts, bring to our community.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Capricorn Cultural High Flyer	HOD – The Arts	YSHS Certificate, Trophy, Medallion

This award recognises the rich cultural talent that is emerging in our school in the year levels 7 – 10 who have demonstrated a strong commitment to cultural activities in our school and community.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Stewie Harald Shield (Yrs 11 – 12)	HOD – Senior Performance Team	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

This award is presented by the Vietnam Veteran's Association to honour local Yeppoon man, Stewie Harald who was the first man from the region to be killed in action in the Vietnam War. It is presented to a senior student who has participated in a wide range of activities, has shown initiative and enthusiasm, has demonstrated organisational skills and is a great team player.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Ampol Best Allrounder Award – Year 12	HOD – Senior Performance Team	Ampol Certificate, Award Pack

The Ampol Best All Rounder Award is presented to a student who has shown impeccable participation and excellence in academic, leadership, sporting and community service activities. All-round contribution of a final year student beyond academic achievement.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Sally Urquhart Memorial Award Year 12	HOD – Senior Performance Team	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

The Sally Urquhart Memorial Award for Leadership Excellence commemorates a significantly special, Yeppoon State High, school captain who impacted greatly upon the school community with her enthusiasm, love of the school and their capacity to engage others in working cooperatively.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
CQ University Awards	HOD – Betel Senior Performance Team	CQU Certificate, Business / Legal / Determination & Growth - \$100 Gift Card Vice -Chancellor - \$200 Gift Card

➤ **CQ UNIVERSITY BUSINESS STUDENT OF THE YEAR – YEAR 12**

This award is presented to the student with the highest academic results in Year 12 Business.

The award will be based on the cumulative result from all three Internal Assessment pieces from Unit 3 and 4. (IA1-3 not confirmed results)

➤ **CQ UNIVERSITY LEGAL STUDIES STUDENT OF THE YEAR – YEAR 12**

This award is presented to the student with the highest academic results in Year 12 Legal Studies.

➤ **CQ UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE VICE-CHANCELLOR AWARD – YEAR 12**

This award is presented to a student who has successfully completed the CQUniversity Start University Now (SUN) Program, with outstanding results.

➤ **CQ UNIVERSITY DETERMINATION & GROWTH AWARD – YEAR 12**

Honours a student who continues to strive towards their goals with persistence and courage, inspiring and uplifting others along the way.

This award will be presented to a First Nations student who demonstrates determination and strength of character in pursuing their goals, while showing a positive attitude and commitment to personal growth. The recipient encourages and supports their peers, contributes positively to their school community, and takes pride in their cultural identity.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
JCU Awards	DP Junior, Middle, Senior School HOD – Vocational Education & Pathways	JCU Certificate, \$50 Gift Card – Yr 7,8,9 \$100 Gift Card – Yr 10,11,12 JCU Scholarship

➤ **JCU SHIELD AWARDS**

The JCU Shield Awards recognise the outstanding students in Years 7 to 12, for the greatest academic achievement or progress in their studies, a commitment to building the economic and social fabric of their community especially in Regional Australia and Resilience and perseverance in their studies or extracurricular accomplishments.

➤ **JCU RISING STAR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Have received consistently high levels of academic achievement throughout their high school studies and expected to achieve an ATAR of less than 95. Students with an ATAR of 95+ are eligible for the JCU Vice Chancellor's and Deans' Scholarships. \$10K over 3 years may be offered paid for casual employment at JCU as a student ambassador in the 1st year of study.

Link: [JCU Rising Star Scholarship Award](#)

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
QUT Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice	HOD – The Arts HOD – Social Sciences & Languages HOD Business & Information Technology	

	Award	Prize	Eligibility
Year 11	➤ QUT EXECUTIVE DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS <i>Awarded to a student who demonstrates strong personal values and a passion for making a positive impact through their creative practice and leadership.</i>	\$50 gift voucher	QCAA The Arts senior subjects plus fashion
Year 12	➤ QUT EXECUTIVE DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS <i>Awarded to a student who demonstrates strong personal values and a passion for making a positive impact through their creative practice and leadership.</i>	\$100 gift voucher And \$3,000 scholarship to study with QUT CIESJ	QCAA The Arts senior subjects plus fashion
Year 11	➤ QUT EXECUTIVE DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES <i>Awarded to a student who leads with imagination, purpose, and strong values, using their talents to inspire collaboration, explore big ideas, and create positive impact in and beyond the classroom.</i>	\$50 gift voucher	QCAA Humanities and Social Sciences senior subjects
Year 12	➤ QUT EXECUTIVE DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES <i>Awarded to a student who leads with imagination, purpose, and strong values, using their talents to inspire collaboration, explore big ideas, and create positive impact in and beyond the classroom.</i>	\$100 gift voucher And \$3,000 scholarship to study with QUT CIESJ	QCAA Humanities and Social Sciences senior subjects

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
MRAEL Awards	HOD – Vocational Education & Pathways	YSHS Certificate, Trophy, \$100 Gift Card

➤ **THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXCELLENCE AWARD – YEAR 12**

This is awarded to a student who has shown the ability to balance the rigours of Year 12 study, and complete a Vocational Education and Training course to a high standard.

➤ **THE WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD – YEAR 10- YEAR 12**

The Work Experience Student of the Year Award recognises the hard work and diligence shown by a student that has undertaken work experience. Work experience assists students to make decisions on what they will do after school and also creates valuable networks within our community.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
The MEGT School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship Award (Yrs 10 – 12)	HOD - Vocational Education & Pathways	YSHS Certificate, \$300 Gift Card

This is awarded to a student who has shown the ability to balance both academic work and a school-based traineeship or apprenticeship. They have represented themselves and the school in a confident and positive way in the workplace and they are progressing through or have completed their theory to a high standard.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Zoe Waugh Memorial Award For Japanese (Yr 11 or Yr 12)	HOD Social Sciences & Languages	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

Zoe Waugh, a courageous young lady who lived her life to the full, was a student at Yeppoon High School from 1996 until 2000. Zoe had a passion for many things and was an inspiration to those who knew her. One of her loves was her study of Japanese and the recipient of this award is a person who demonstrates some of the many qualities that Zoe possessed. Students are recommended for this award, not only for their dedication to the study of Japanese, but also because of their positive approach to life's challenges. In particular, this student embraces the Japanese way of life with enthusiasm and confidence during the school year.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
The Edward Huttley Bursaries	HOD – Mathematics HOD - Science	YSHS Certificate, Trophy, \$125 Gift Card

➤ **EDWARD HUTTLEY BURSARY FOR MATHS – YEAR 12**

This is awarded to the Year 12 student with the highest academic achievement in the Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics courses. The recipient has studied these courses for the whole year and has the highest average placement across these courses at verification.

➤ **EDWARD HUTTLEY BURSARY FOR SCIENCE – YEAR 12**

This is awarded to the Year 12 student with the highest academic achievement in the biological, chemical and physical science disciplines.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
ADF Long Tan Award – Year 10 & Year 12	DP – Middle & Senior Performance Teams	ADF Certificate, \$250 Bank Transfer

This award acknowledges the achievement of a young person who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork either within the school or the wider community. Two students from Years 10 and 12 are recognised for their exemplary demonstration of such values and show great promise in becoming tomorrow's leaders.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Keith E Davies Dedication To Instrumental Music Award Year 11 or Year 12	HOD – The Arts	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

Keith E Davies Dedication to Instrumental Music Award honours the life of a man who believed that music was for everyone, no matter their background or situation. The award honours the student who embraces his values of hard work, inclusion, dedication to music and mentoring others.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Encouragement Awards	DP - Inclusion	YSHS Certificate, Trophy
➤ JUNIOR YRS 7 – 8		
➤ MIDDLE YRS 9 – 10		
➤ SENIOR YRS 11 - 12		

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Encouragement Awards are presented to a student who has significantly contributed to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Community, the whole school community, and participated in all areas of school life including academic, sporting, cultural and the Arts.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
QATSIF Young Leaders Award	DP - Inclusion	QATSIF Certificate

This award is presented to a young Indigenous scholarship student in year 11 or 12 who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in their community.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Prix D'honneur Award – Year 12	Principal & DP Senior School	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

The Prix d'Honneur Award for Leadership and Citizenship is presented to a student who has shown a high standard of leadership and citizenship, not only in senior but throughout their five years of schooling. This student has assumed a leadership role and carried out the responsibilities of that role with distinction. Their behaviour and attitude is a model example for all members of the community.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Principal's Award	Principal	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

The Principal's Award is presented to an outstanding member of our school community. They have demonstrated an excellent work ethic, great time management skills, as well as working successfully as a member of our senior cohort. This student is highly regarded amongst members of staff, is thoughtful and considerate, demonstrates excellent manners and acts safely and responsibly within the school community.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Junior Dux	DP – Junior School	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

This award is to be presented to a highly achieving Year 9 student for their achievement levels in each of their chosen areas of study. Based on 4 highest general subject results.

Award	Evaluation	Recognition
Senior Dux	DP – Senior School	YSHS Certificate, Trophy

This award is to be presented to a highly achieving Year 12 student for their achievement levels in each of their chosen areas of study. Based on 4 highest general subject results.