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# Awards Handbook

## Rationale

Mansfield State High School recognises outstanding student achievement through the presentation of individual and team awards at annual year level ceremonies. 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 Mansfield 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

- **Major Awards** (Academic, Cultural, Service, Sport and General)
- **Academic Awards** (Subject Awards, Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement)
- **Cultural Awards** (Music, Arts and Debating/Public Speaking)
- **Service** (V@M and Production Support)
- **Sports** (including age champions).

## Key dates

- **Year 11 Awards Ceremony**, daytime ceremony, Thursday 22 October 2026
- **Year 10 Awards Ceremony**, daytime ceremony, Thursday 22 October 2026
- **Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony**, 8.00am Thursday 19 November 2026
- **Year 7 Awards Ceremony**, daytime ceremony, Monday 7 December 2025
- **Year 8 Awards Ceremony**, daytime ceremony, Monday 7 December 2025
- **Year 9 Awards Ceremony**, daytime ceremony, Monday 7 December 2025
- **Ceremony of Exceptional Achievement**, daytime ceremony, Tuesday 9 February 2027



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### Academic Awards

Academic awards recognise the academic achievement of students and are calculated by the school based on reported results.

#### Dux of the School

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to the Year 12 student with the highest ATAR achieved. Awarded after graduation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> To receive this award the student must provide permission for the school to access the student's ATAR via QTAC.</p>	Not applicable	Based on ATAR shared with school	Ceremony of Exceptional Achievement	Medallion & certificate

#### Exceptional Achievement

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to Year 12 students with a high range ATAR. Awarded after graduation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> To receive this award the student must provide permission for the school to access the student's ATAR via QTAC.</p>	Not applicable	Based on ATAR shared with school	Ceremony of Exceptional Achievement	Medal & certificate

#### Subject Awards (Year 11-12)

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded in General and Applied subjects.</li> <li>Student with the highest numerical grade achieved in General Subjects.</li> <li>Student with the highest grade (A+ to C) achieved in Applied Subjects.</li> <li>May be awarded to more than one student if results are identical.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	<p><b>Year 12</b> is based on cumulated Internal Assessment results.</p> <p><b>Year 11</b> is based on combined Unit 1 and 2 results.</p>	<p>Year 11 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Medal & certificate

#### Mansfield Diploma Awards (Year 11-12)

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>For Diplomas studied on site at Mansfield (excluding Diplomas studied at external RTOs)</p> <p>Year 11-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consistently maintained progress throughout the course</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrated their passion and investment for the subject area or Diploma being studied</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have displayed outstanding engagement in their classes.</li> </ul>	Class teacher	Faculty Head of Department	<p>Year 11 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Medal & certificate





Mansfield Certificate Awards (Year 11-12)

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
For Certificates studied on site at Mansfield (excluding Certificates studied at external RTOs) Year 11-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consistently maintained progress throughout the course</li> </ul> <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrated their passion and investment for the subject area or Certificate being studied</li> </ul> <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have displayed outstanding engagement in their classes.</li> </ul>	Class teacher	Faculty Head of Department	Year 11 Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Medal & certificate

Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement

Calculations will use the student's Level of Achievement (LoA) – commonly referred to as grades. These are the A-E ratings which are used to indicate achievement for each subject on school reports, with A being the highest and E being the lowest. A rating of N indicates the student is Not Rated for that subject. The LoA will be converted to a number to calculate the Grade Point Average (GPA) of the student for the reporting period. In this calculation, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2 and E=1 for each subject, with the GPA expressed as a number between 0 and 5, to two decimal places. Vocational Education and Training competencies and non-curriculum classes including instrumental music are not used in the calculation. The calculations include all school reports specified in the reporting period. Reporting periods vary for each year level as some final year results are not available in time to be included.

*QCE Year 11-12 Students*

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
For subjects studied at Mansfield (excluding Instrumental Music, non-curriculum classes and Certificate courses) students receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic Excellence for a GPA of 4.80 or higher</li> <li>Academic Achievement for a GPA between 4.50 and 4.79.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	<b>Year 11 GPA</b> calculated from Senior Reports June & October. <b>Year 12 GPA</b> calculated from Senior Reports April & October.	Year 11 Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Medal & certificate

*QCIA Year 11-12 Students (Students on a QCIA pathway)*

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
For subjects studied at Mansfield (excluding Instrumental Music, non-curriculum classes and Certificate courses) students receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic Excellence for a GPA of 4.80 or higher</li> <li>Academic Achievement for a GPA between 4.50 and 4.79.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	<b>Year 11 GPA</b> calculated from Senior Reports June & October. <b>Year 12 GPA</b> calculated from Senior Reports April & October.	Year 11 Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Medal & certificate





*Year 7–10*

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Presented at</b>	<b>Recognition</b>
<p>For subjects studied at Mansfield (excluding Instrumental Music, non-curriculum classes and Certificate courses) students receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Excellence for a GPA of 4.80 or higher</li> <li>• Academic Achievement for a GPA between 4.50 and 4.79.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	<p><b>Year 7-9 GPA</b> calculated from Semester 1 and Semester 2 results.</p> <p><b>Year 10 GPA</b> calculated from Semester 1 and Mid Semester 2 reports.</p>	Year level Awards Ceremony	Medal & certificate





Cultural Awards

The Arts awards encompass student achievement in the areas of Music, Visual Art, Film and Television and Debating.

Platinum

<b>Music Criteria</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Presented at</b>	<b>Recognition</b>
<p>Year 12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have continuously participated in two* or more ensembles for four or more years</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are currently in at least two* senior ensembles (*Choral students may only be a member of one ensemble)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a role model for other students in behaviour (lessons/ensembles) and commitment to music excellence (including home practice/achievement)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within an ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• may have been involved in Fanfare State Final, Creative Generation or school musical</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at all lessons, rehearsals and performances.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	<p>Year 11 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Trophy & certificate
<b>The Arts Criteria</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Presented at</b>	<b>Recognition</b>
<p>Year 11-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a national/Australian award winner in a school nominated event</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated continuous participation at a very high level of ability through all years at school.</li> </ul>	The Arts faculty	Head of Department, The Arts	<p>Year 11 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Trophy & certificate
<b>Debating Criteria</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Presented at</b>	<b>Recognition</b>
<p>Year 10-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a state level winner in a school nominated event</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have represented the school at a national level</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within the teams eg; coaching a team</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated continuous participation at a very high level of ability throughout all years at school</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at preparatory team meetings and debates.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Trophy & certificate





Gold Laurel

Music Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 10-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have continuously participated in ensembles for three or more years (usually a minimum of two* ensembles) (*Choral students may only be a member of one ensemble)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are currently in at least one senior ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a role model for other students in behaviour (lessons/ensembles) and commitment to music excellence (including home practice/achievement)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within an ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• may have been involved in Fanfare State Final, Creative Generation or school musical</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at all lessons, rehearsals and performances.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	<p>Year 10 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 11 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Trophy & certificate
The Arts Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 11-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a demonstrated continuous participation at a very high level of ability through all years at school</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a Queensland/State award winner in a school nominated event</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have represented the school at a national/Australian level (finalist/short listed).</li> </ul>	The Arts faculty	Head of Department, The Arts	<p>Year 11 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Trophy & certificate
Debating Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 10-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have represented the school at a state event</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have participated in Senior A level debating</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within teams eg; coaching a team</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated continuous participation at a very high level of ability throughout all years at school</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at preparatory team meetings and debates.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Trophy & certificate





Gold

Music Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 9-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have continuously participated in ensembles for three or more years (usually a minimum of two* ensembles) (*Choral students may only be a member of one ensemble)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are currently in at least one senior ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are a role model for other students in behaviour (lessons/ensembles) and commitment to music excellence (including home practice/achievement)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have taken on a leadership role within an ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>may have been involved in Fanfare State Final, Creative Generation or school musical</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at all lessons, rehearsals and performances.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Medal & certificate
The Arts Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 11-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have demonstrated continuous participation at a very high level of ability through all or most years at school</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have represented the school at Queensland/state event</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>national/Australian event (finalist/short listed).</li> </ul>	The Arts faculty	Head of Department, The Arts	<p>Year 11 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Medal & certificate
Debating Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 10-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have participated in at least two knock-out finals over the years</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have demonstrated continuous participation at a very high level of ability throughout all years at school</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have taken on a leadership role as a team coach</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at preparatory team meetings and debates.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Medal & certificate





Silver

Music Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 8-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have continuously participated in ensembles for two or more years (usually two* ensembles) (*Choral students may only be a member of one ensemble)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are currently in at least one senior or middle school ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a role model for other students in behaviour (lessons/ensembles) and commitment to music excellence (including home practice/achievement)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within an ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• may have been involved in Fanfare Regional Final, Creative Generation or school musical</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at all lessons, rehearsals and performances.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Certificate
The Arts Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 8-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated continuous participation at a very high level of ability in their chosen Art(s) field</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have represented the school at local/regional level and received an award</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• represented the school at state level (finalist/short listed).</li> </ul>	The Arts faculty	Head of Department, The Arts	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Certificate
Debating Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 9-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated three or more years continuous participation at a very high level of ability</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have participated in at least one knock-out final over the years</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at preparatory team meetings and debates</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within teams eg; coaching a team or mentoring team members.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Certificate





Bronze

Music Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 7-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have continuously participated in ensembles for more than one year (usually two* ensembles) (*Choral students may only be a member of one ensemble)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are currently in at least one middle or junior ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are a role model for other students in behaviour (lessons/ensembles) and commitment to music excellence (including home practice/achievement)</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within an ensemble</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• may have been involved in Fanfare Regional Final, Creative Generation or school musical</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at all lessons, rehearsals and performances.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Certificate
The Arts Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 8-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have represented the school at local/regional level</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated continuous enthusiasm and dedication to The Arts.</li> </ul>	The Arts faculty	Head of Department, The Arts	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Certificate
Debating Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 8-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have participated in at least one knock-out final over the years</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated two or more years continuous participation at a high level of ability</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have demonstrated consistently reliable attendance at preparatory team meetings and debates</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have taken on a leadership role within teams eg; coaching a team or mentoring others.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	Mansfield SHS Debating Coordinator	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Certificate





Service Awards

Service Awards are earned through contributions to Mansfield’s Rauchle Club, Environmental Council, the Uniform Shop, Canteen and V@M (Volunteer @ Mansfield), Production Support Team, School Magazine, RARE Book Club, Smith Family and Amnesty International. Service in other areas of school life is considered on an individual basis.

Platinum

Volunteer @ Mansfield Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have accumulated a minimum of 15,000 minutes of voluntary service through the school from Year 7 to Year 12.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS V@M Coordinator	Based on documented minutes collated by V@M Coordinator	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate
Production Support Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 11-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have four or more years continuous service through school</li> </ul> and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have assumed a very high level of responsibility and who have consistently reliable attendance at training, rehearsals, bump-ins, bump-outs and performances.</li> </ul>	Heads of Year and Event Coordinators	Awards Committee	Year 11 Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Gold Laurel

Volunteer @ Mansfield Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have accumulated a minimum of 11,000 minutes of voluntary service through the school from Year 7 to Year 12.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS V@M Coordinator	Based on documented minutes collated by V@M Coordinator	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate
Production Support Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 10-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have three or more years continuous service through school</li> </ul> and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have assumed a high level of responsibility and who have consistently reliable attendance at training, rehearsals, bump-ins, bump-outs and performances.</li> </ul>	Heads of Year and Event Coordinators	Awards Committee	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate





Gold

Volunteer @ Mansfield Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have accumulated a minimum of 7,000 minutes of voluntary service through the school from Year 7 to Year 12.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS V@M coordinator	Based on documented minutes collated by V@M Coordinator	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Medal & certificate
Production Support Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 9-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have three or more years of continuous service through school</li> </ul> <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have assumed a level of responsibility and who have consistently reliable attendance at training, rehearsals, bump-ins, bump-outs and performances.</li> </ul>	Heads of Year and Event Coordinators	Awards Committee	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Medal & certificate

Silver

Volunteer @ Mansfield Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have accumulated a minimum of 4,000 minutes of voluntary service through the school from Year 7 to Year 12.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS V@M coordinator	Based on documented minutes collated by V@M Coordinator	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Certificate
Production Support Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 8-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have two or more years continuous service through school</li> </ul> <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have assumed a level of responsibility and who have consistently reliable attendance at training, rehearsals, bump-ins, bump-outs and performances.</li> </ul>	Heads of Year and Event Coordinators	Awards Committee	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Certificate





Bronze

Volunteer @ Mansfield Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have accumulated a minimum of 2,000 minutes of voluntary service through the school from Year 7 to Year 12.</li> </ul>	Mansfield SHS V@M Coordinator	Based on documented minutes collated by V@M Coordinator	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Certificate and badge
Production Support Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have one or more years of continuous service through school</li> </ul> <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have consistently reliable attendance at training, rehearsals, bump-ins, bump-outs and performances.</li> </ul>	Heads of Year and Event Coordinators	Awards Committee	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Certificate





### Sports Awards

Sports awards are based on individual student and/or team performance when representing Mansfield State High School, including the Mansfield Sports Group (MSG) in sporting events or through the [Queensland Representative School Sport](#) program which offers opportunities at a school, district, regional, state and national levels of competition. Students are acknowledged for the highest achievement as an individual or team based on the criteria stated in this guide. Team achievements are based on the [Team Achievement Guidelines](#).

For achievements in sports which are not part of the Queensland Representative School Sport program, please refer to the information at the end of this section about how you can have this achievement acknowledged.

#### Platinum

Sports Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are an individual Australian sports representative or a member of an Australian sporting team</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are part of a team squad that wins a sporting competition at a national level.</li> </ul> Refer to the <a href="#">Team Achievement Guidelines</a> .	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

#### Gold Laurel

Sports Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are an individual Queensland sports representative or member of a Queensland sporting team</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are part of a team squad that has performed at a Gold Laurel level (refer to the <a href="#">Team Achievement Guidelines</a>)</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are a Year 12 student with five (5) or more years' service to school sport, including being a member of a 2026 team, taking on a leadership, coaching or officiating role, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to attending training and games and are a role model for other students.</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate





Gold

Sports Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 7-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are an individual Brisbane Metropolitan East sports representative or a member of a Metropolitan East sporting team</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have received a District age champion award at the District carnival for swimming, cross country or track and field</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are part of a team squad that has performed at a Gold level (refer to the <a href="#">Team Achievement Guidelines</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are a Year 12 student with four (4) or more years' service to school sport, including being a member of a 2026 team, taking on a leadership, coaching or officiating role, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to attending training and games and are a role model for other students</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are awarded the Mansfield Sports Group Player of the Year by the MSG Advisory Board, recognising that they are a positive role model who has displayed excellent sportsmanship, cooperation, dedication and teamwork. (One award per sport; Basketball, Football, Netball, Touch, Volleyball and AFL).</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Medal & certificate

Silver

Sports Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 7-12 students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are an individual District sports representative or a member of a District sporting team</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have set a new event record in 2026 at a school swimming, cross country or track and field carnival</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are part of a team squad that has performed at a Silver level (refer to the <a href="#">Team Achievement Guidelines</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are a Year 12 student with three (3) or more years' service to school sport, including being a member of a 2026 team, taking on a leadership, coaching or officiating role, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to attending training and games and are a role model for other students.</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	<p>Year level Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony</p>	Certificate





Bronze

Sports Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have coached or officiated a Mansfield State High School sporting team in a school-based sport in 2026</li> </ul> or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are a member of a team squad that has performed at a Bronze level (refer to the <a href="#">Team Achievement Guidelines</a>).</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Certificate

Age Champions

Sports Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-12 students with the best school level performance in their age category at the Mansfield SHS carnivals for Swimming, Track and Field and Cross Country.	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate
Awarded for each carnival to female and male athletes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 years</li> <li>13 years</li> <li>14 years</li> <li>15 years</li> <li>16 years</li> <li>17 years</li> <li>Under 19 years</li> </ul>				

Recognition of achievements outside of school sport

Sports which are part of the Queensland Representative School Sport program are recognised through our school awards. We acknowledge that many students achieve state, national and international success in their chosen sport outside of school sports.

Commencing this year, students who have achieved success at a state, national or international level in sports other than school sports may self-nominate to receive recognition of their achievement in a new publication; 2025 Achievements in Sport. This document will be published on the school website and will acknowledge the highest individual achievement of these students. Please follow the following steps to self-nominate.

1. Confirm that the achievement is in a non-school sport – all [Queensland Representative School Sport](#) will be acknowledged in Mansfield State High School’s official awards schedule.
2. [Complete the online nomination form](#) indicating the highest single achievement (state level or above) during the **eligibility period of Term 4, 2025 through to end of Term 3, 2026** (single, highest achievement only).
3. Provide proof of the achievement eg; a copy of official paperwork that acknowledges team selection, individual medal or published result. Email to [info@mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au) including the student’s name so that the evidence can be matched to the details submitted via the online form. Unsubstantiated achievements cannot be acknowledged.
4. **Complete the nomination process by Friday 16 October 2026** to allow time for the information to be verified and included for publication. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

**Note:** The minimum achievement level for inclusion is at State level. Achievements in local or regional competitions cannot be acknowledged in this format.





## Major Awards

Major award recipients must meet all bullet point criteria stated in this section to be considered for a major award. Unlike the Bronze to Platinum awards where the criteria may be presented as one achievement **or** an alternative achievement, major awards require all criteria to be met as these achievements are the pinnacle of the awards program.

The eligibility period for major awards includes the end of 2025 in recognition that some key extracurricular events are held at the end of Term 4. **The eligibility period for 2026 is the beginning of Term 4, 2025 through to the end of Term 3, 2026.**

### Major Awards – Academic Awards

#### Mathematics Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has achieved outstanding results in at least two (2) Mathematics subjects</li> <li>has demonstrated their passion for Mathematics through participation in extracurricular activities such as Maths Ambassador, Maths Team Challenges or Maths competitions</li> <li>has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in Maths classes.</li> </ul>	Mathematics faculty	Mathematics Heads of Department	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy, prize voucher & certificate

#### John Bremner – Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Achievement in Science

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has achieved outstanding results in at least two (2) Science subjects</li> <li>has demonstrated their passion for Science through participation in extracurricular activities such as Science Ambassador, Environmental Club, Women in STEM, Science Week, SPARQ-ed or who are studying Griffith University subject in Physics/Chemistry</li> <li>has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in Science classes.</li> </ul>	Science faculty	Science Heads of Department	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy, prize voucher & certificate

#### English Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has exceptional achievement in one (1) or more English subjects</li> <li>has been acknowledged for their achievements in extracurricular activities or events such as the Mansfield Literary Festival</li> <li>has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in their English classes.</li> </ul>	English faculty	English Heads of Department	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy, prize voucher & certificate





The Arts Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has exceptionally high achievement in one (1) or more of The Arts subjects</li> <li>has demonstrated their passion for The Arts through participation in extracurricular activities and competitions such as Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art, Mansfield’s Film Club, Arts Showcase, CGEN Media Crew, Australian and International film festivals and performance nights at school</li> <li>has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in their Arts classes.</li> </ul>	The Arts faculty	Head of Department, The Arts	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Foreign Language Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has exceptional achievement in one (1) or more Languages subjects</li> <li>has demonstrated their passion of foreign languages including Senior External Examination (SEE) languages and through extracurricular activities</li> <li>has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in their foreign language class/es.</li> </ul>	Languages faculty	Languages Head of Department	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy, prize voucher & certificate

Humanities Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has exceptional achievement in at least two (2) Humanities subjects</li> <li>has demonstrated their passion for Humanities through participation in extracurricular activities such as Mooting, Ecoman, Humanities Week, writing competitions and Blueshift competition</li> <li>has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in their Humanities class/es.</li> </ul>	Humanities faculty	Humanities Heads of Department	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy, prize voucher & certificate





Information Technology Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 12 student who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has exceptional achievement in one (1) or more Information Technology subjects</li> <li>• has demonstrated their passion for Information Technology through participation in extracurricular activities and competitions such as university workshops, Mansfield SHS Code Club, Cisco Systems Cyber Challenge, student representative to The Something School or the Digital Solutions Mentorship Program</li> <li>• has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in their Information Technology class/es.</li> </ul>	IT faculty	IT Head of Department	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy, prize voucher & certificate

Industrial Technology and Design Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 12 student who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has exceptional achievement in one (1) or more Industrial Technology and Design subjects</li> <li>• has demonstrated their passion for Industrial Technology and Design through participation in extracurricular activities such as external study or Engineering Ambassadors</li> <li>• has displayed outstanding engagement and participation in their Industrial Technology and Design class/es.</li> </ul>	Industrial Technology and Design faculty	Industrial Technology and Design Head of Department	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy, prize voucher & certificate





Major Awards – Cultural Awards

Musician of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated exceptional musicianship and professionalism in Classroom Music and/or Instrumental Music and/or Choral Music across a broad variety of performance and rehearsal environments.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Junior Musician of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 9 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated exceptional musicianship and professionalism in Classroom Music and/or Instrumental Music and/or Choral Music across a broad variety of performance and rehearsal environments.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	Year 9 Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Marg Overs Pursuit of Excellence Award

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 11 Instrumental Music or Choral student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated their passion and dedication to Music</li> <li>has shown a willingness to work hard</li> <li>has been striving for excellence</li> <li>is a mentor for younger students</li> <li>has demonstrated a selfless willingness to immerse themselves in as many musical experiences as possible.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	Year 11 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Lawrence Family Leadership in Music Award

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated outstanding leadership across a number of ensembles and the music program.</li> </ul>	Music faculty	Head of Department, Music	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate





Major Awards – Sports Awards

Kerrie Burgess Senior Sportsperson of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 10-12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated their passion for school sport through their service, high level of representation and achievement</li> <li>has represented the school in sports such as MSG, extracurricular sport, Queensland School Sport and house events</li> <li>has demonstrated an exemplary level of sportsmanship, leadership, dedication and inspiration to other students.</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Fergus Reid Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-9 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated their passion for school sport through their service, high level of representation and achievement</li> <li>has represented the school in sports such as MSG, extracurricular sport, Queensland School Sport and house events</li> <li>has demonstrated an exemplary level of sportsmanship, leadership, dedication and inspiration to other students.</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Best Senior Individual Sporting Performance

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 10-12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated exceptional sporting performance for the year (may be one performance or a series of performances)</li> <li>their performance/s has been in a sport that is a funded, registered <a href="#">National Sporting Organisation</a> (NSO).</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Best Junior Individual Sporting Performance

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-9 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated exceptional sporting performance for the year (may be one performance or a series of performances)</li> <li>their performance/s has been in a sport that is a funded, registered <a href="#">National Sporting Organisation</a> (NSO).</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate





Best Senior Sporting Team Performance

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 10-12 sports team who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is the highest achieving school team as per the <a href="#">Team Achievement Guidelines</a></li> <li>has displayed excellent sportsmanship, cooperation, dedication and teamwork</li> <li>has team members who are positive role models as a team.</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony  Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Best Junior Sporting Team Performance

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-9 sports team who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is the highest achieving school team as per the <a href="#">Team Achievement Guidelines</a></li> <li>has displayed excellent sportsmanship, cooperation, dedication and teamwork</li> <li>has team members who are positive role models as a team.</li> </ul>	Director of Sport	Mansfield Sports Group Advisory Board	Year level Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Major Awards – Service Awards

J.T. Stoodley Award for Outstanding Service

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated outstanding leadership in extracurricular events through voluntary service to the school community</li> <li>has two (2) or more years of documented service in the school community such as V@M, Rauchle Club, Environmental Council, Resource Centre, TIP, Canteen, Student Council or Production Support Team.</li> </ul>	Coordinators of Service groups	Awards Committee	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

Junior Secondary Service Award

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-9 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to co-curricular events through voluntary service to the school community</li> <li>has at least one (1) year of documented service in the school community such as V@M, Rauchle Club, Environmental Council, Resource Centre, TIP, Canteen, Student Council or Production Support Team.</li> </ul>	Coordinators of Service groups	Awards Committee	Year level Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate





## Major Awards

### Ampol Best All Rounder

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who has demonstrated outstanding qualities in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• leadership</li> <li>• service and community</li> <li>• sport</li> <li>• arts and culture</li> <li>• attitude</li> <li>• personal conduct.</li> </ul>	Teaching and non-teaching staff	Awards Committee	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Medal & Certificate

### Student of the Year

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is an ideal role model with exceptional conduct and presentation</li> <li>• has demonstrated very high academic achievement</li> <li>• has a high level of participation in school activities.</li> </ul>	Teaching and non-teaching staff	Awards Committee	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

### Steadfast Award

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• embodies the Mansfield Way and has consistently demonstrated academic, school and/or community service leadership.</li> </ul>	Teaching and non-teaching staff	Awards Committee	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

### Jasper and Reuben Williams Award

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 7-9 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrates wholehearted persistence in every undertaking</li> <li>• has an excellent standard of conduct and effort across all subjects</li> <li>• participates in service and leads by example</li> <li>• demonstrates a passion for helping others to reach their potential.</li> </ul>	Teaching and non-teaching staff	Awards Committee	Year level Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate

### Community Leadership Award

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
Year 12 student who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has demonstrated outstanding commitment to their school and community.</li> </ul>	Awards Committee	Awards Committee	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Trophy & certificate





ADF Long Tan Award (Year 12)

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 12 student who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated leadership, teamwork and mateship</li> <li>can provide evidence of their leadership, teamwork, values, problem solving, resourcefulness, communication and cooperation</li> <li>is an Australian citizen or permanent resident.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">ADF Award Guidelines</a> for the full criteria that must be addressed.</p>	Student self-nomination or Teaching and non-teaching staff	Year 12 Leadership team	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Prize voucher & certificate

ADF Long Tan Award (Year 10)

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 10 student who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated leadership, teamwork and mateship</li> <li>can provide evidence of their leadership, teamwork, values, problem solving, resourcefulness, communication and cooperation</li> <li>is an Australian citizen or permanent resident.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">ADF Award Guidelines</a> for the full criteria that must be addressed.</p>	Student self-nomination or Teaching and non-teaching staff	Year 10 Leadership team	Year 10 Awards Ceremony	Prize voucher & certificate

ADF Future Innovators Award (Year 12)

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 12 student who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated innovation and a level of motivation in the learning areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)</li> <li>is an Australian citizen or permanent resident or a New Zealand Citizen on an Australian Special Category Visa.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">ADF Selection Criteria</a> for the full criteria that must be addressed.</p>	Student self-nomination or Teaching and non-teaching staff	Year 12 Leadership team	Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	Prize voucher & certificate





ADF Future Innovators Award (Year 10)

Criteria	Nomination	Decision	Presented at	Recognition
<p>Year 10 student who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has demonstrated innovation and a level of motivation in the learning areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)</li> <li>is an Australian citizen or permanent resident or a New Zealand Citizen on an Australian Special Category Visa.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">ADF Selection Criteria</a> for the full criteria that must be addressed.</p>	Student self-nomination or Teaching and non-teaching staff	Year 10 Leadership team	Year 10 Awards Ceremony	Prize voucher & certificate

**Additional Awards**

At times, external organisations eg; Universities may approach Mansfield State High School with offers of awards to recognise and acknowledge our students. This may include awards with a predefined selection criteria or those which are one-off and not perpetual. The school Executive Leadership Team reserves the right to make decisions about the inclusion of these awards.

