



New Plymouth Girls' High School
Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki

ITI REAREA AWARD GUIDELINES

Philosophy:

The New Plymouth Girls' High School Iti Rearea Award recognises excellence and outstanding achievement at a National or International level across the range of activities available to students at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Activities outside New Plymouth Girls' High School may also be considered for the award. Iti Rearea will be awarded to recognise exceptional achievement by students in one or more of the following areas; academic, arts, sport or cultural. The Iti Rearea Award consists of a bronze Iti Rearea Bar which can be worn as a junior as well as along-side the senior Honours Badge/Bar if the student is awarded Honours as a senior.

Meaning:

The name Iti Rearea is derived from the beginning of the whakatauki – *Iti Rearea, teitei kahikatea ka taea*. It means the small Rearea (Bell Bird) is able to scale the heights of the tallest Kahikatea. Put simply anything can be achieved. Size and age do not limit us in our conquest for success. Iti refers to small in size, stature and number, hence the Iti Rearea Award is available for junior students to strive toward.

General Eligibility:

Year 9, 10 and 11 students are eligible for the award or Year 12 students if competing in events where participants are 16 years and under. The Iti Rearea Bar will be presented in acknowledgement of the award. Further awards will be acknowledged by additional Bars.

The nominee must have demonstrated:

- Loyalty and a positive attitude to study and school life in general,
- Compliance with all academic requirements, i.e. completion of homework, class work, assignments,
- Regular attendance,
- That they have met the required level of participation, achievement and commitment in the activity/area they are applying for,
- That they have adhered to the school rules including wearing correct uniform and displaying exemplary behaviour.

Students who do not meet these criteria will not be considered for an award.

The criteria for each category will be determined by each discipline in consultation with the Iti Rearea/Honours Awards Committee and will be a guideline. (Refer to the criteria for each category.)

Application Procedure:

- Application forms can be found on the school website and are emailed to all Year 9, 10 and 11 students approximately 10 weeks prior to an Iti Rearea Assembly.
- Applications must be submitted to the Deputy Principal in charge 8 weeks prior to an Iti Rearea Assembly.
- Application information will be verified by the Sports Iti Rearea Committee and/or appropriate staff and recommendations made to the Iti Rearea Committee.
- The Iti Rearea Committee will meet. Applications and recommendations will be made to the committee who will decide potential recipients.
- Potential recipients will be forwarded to the Deans and Deputy Principal of the respective Waka Huia (and relevant staff if appropriate) for confirmation of an applicant's general eligibility/suitability for an Award.
- The Iti Rearea Committee will then determine the final Awardees.
- Parents of a student receiving a Iti Rearea Award will be invited to the Iti Rearea Assembly. The Award will remain a surprise to the student concerned.
- The Deputy Principal's PA will organise the Iti Rearea Bars and Certificates.

Award and Withdrawal of Iti Rearea Award:

The Principal, in consultation with relevant staff may withdraw an Iti Rearea Award if the recipient no longer meets the conditions of the Award.

The final decision to make an Award or to withdraw it is ultimately that of the Principal.

Appeal Process:

In the event of an appeal, this is to be submitted in writing to the Principal. Information that supports the appeal will be required and the decision of the Principal will be final.

Iti Rearea Committee:

The Honours Committee will be comprised of: Principal, Deputy Principal, Sports Director an Arts Representative and one other.



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ITI REAREA AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominees must meet the general eligibility criteria for nomination as well as the specific criteria for the activity in which they are being nominated.

ITI REAREA AWARDS PER YEAR – 2024 Onwards

Honours will only be awarded once per year for the same specific area within the Honours categories i.e. once per year in Kayaking or Dance etc.

Criteria for Application:

National or International level of achievement in any of:

ACADEMIC

Criteria for Application:

The nominee must have:

- Achieved a significant Academic Award or recognition at national level or similar

ARTS

Criteria for Application:

Film:

The nominee must have:

- Won a National Film competition

Oral: (Debating/Public Speaking/Mooting)

The nominee must have:

- Won a significant competition at National level

Performing Arts:

Dance:

The nominee must have:

- Won a National performance / competition

Drama:

The nominee must have held a major role in either:

- Sheilah Winn and be a winner of the National Festival
- A Drama and won a place to the Globe Theatre

Kapa Haka

The nominee must have:

- Won a National performance/competition

Music:

The nominee must have been:

- Winner of the National Smokefree Rock Quest competition
- A member of a group that won a National title, e.g. Band/Orchestra/Choir/Big Sing
- Winner of a National composition competition

Visual Arts:

The nominee must have either:

- Been selected as a finalist in a significant National Visual Arts competition
- Gained entry into a significant National Visual Arts Exhibition

Writing:

The nominee must have either been:

- Selected as a finalist in a significant Writing competition
- Published in a significant National Writing Publication

Note: Consideration will be given to nominees who have won nationally in an area where no school event exists or where the student is disadvantaged by limited participants.

SPORT

Criteria for Application:

- This is an **individual award** which recognises a student's performance in sport at the highest level
- Nominees must have represented NPGHS wherever that code is offered by the school
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- Nominations in sports not offered by the school will be considered
- There must be evidence of commitment and hard work within their sport
- The degree of difficulty in achieving success
 - *Degree of difficulty may include:*
 - *A compilation of significant achievements in a particular sport*
 - *Numbers participating in the sport or event*
 - *Competing in the highest award group for their age (excludes B teams eg U16 B grade and non-championship events)*
 - *Selected through an open trial process*

The nominee must either have:

- Won a national title / event in their age group (16 years and under)
- Been selected to represent New Zealand in their age group team (16 years and under) (*not development squads*)
- Won a placing in a World Event (*World Championships or Youth Olympics*)

CULTURAL

Criteria for Application:

- A student who has achieved a title at national or international level in an area that is not offered through the school may be considered for an award.