



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

HONOURS AWARD GUIDELINES

Philosophy:

The New Plymouth Girls' High School Honours 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. Honours will be awarded to recognise exceptional achievement by students in one or more of the following areas; leadership, academic, arts, sport or cultural. The Honours Award consists of the Honours Blazer which students are thereafter permitted to wear and the Honours Badge/Bar.

General Eligibility:

Year 12 and Year 13 students will be eligible for the award. Year 11 students can only earn the award under **exceptional circumstances**. The Blazer will be awarded once only and the student is entitled to wear it at school and on occasions when representing the school. An Honours Badge and Bar will also be presented. Further awards will be acknowledged by additional Bars to add to the Honours Badge.

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 of 80%,
- 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 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 12 and 13 students approximately 9 to 10 weeks prior to an Honours Assembly.
- Applications must be submitted to the Deputy Principal in charge 7 to 8 weeks prior to an Honours Assembly.
- Application information will be verified by the Sports Honours Committee and/or appropriate staff and recommendations made to the Honours Committee.
- The Honours 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 Honours Committee will then determine the final Awardees.

- Parents of a student receiving an Honours Award will be invited to the Honours Assembly. The Award will remain a surprise to the student concerned.
- The Deputy Principal's PA will arrange the use of an Honours Blazer for the Assembly. Thereafter the student can either purchase an Honours Blazer or arrange for their school blazer to be altered (*the latter is an expensive option*).
- The Deputy Principal's PA will organise the Honours Badges/Bars and Certificates.

Award and Withdrawal of Honours:

The Principal, in consultation with relevant staff may withdraw an Honours 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.

Honours Committee:

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



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HONOURS 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.

HONOURS AWARDS - ONCE PER YEAR ONLY

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.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Criteria for Application:

To be awarded to the Manu Tāiko (Head Girl) and Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girls) by virtue of their positions.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Criteria for Application:

To be awarded to:

- High performing Year 11s taking NCEA Level 2 (*Grade Average 98, 99 or 100*)
- High performing Year 12s taking NCEA Level 3 (*Grade Average 98, 99 or 100*)
- The top performing academic Year 10 in NCEA Level 1 (*3 or more Level 1 subjects*)
- The top performing academic Year 11 in NCEA Level 1
- The top performing academic Year 11 in NCEA Level 2 (*3 or more Level 2 subjects*)
- The top performing academic Year 12 in NCEA Level 2
- The top performing academic Year 12 in NCEA Level 3 (*3 or more Level 3 subjects*)
- Year 12's gaining New Zealand Scholarship

Criteria for Application:

- National or International level of achievement in any of:

ARTS

Criteria for Application:

Film:

The nominee must have:

- Won a National Film competition
- Been selected into a significant National Film exhibition / event

Oral: (Debating/Public Speaking/Mooting)

The nominee must have:

- Won a significant competition at National level
- Been selected into a significant National Oral competition / event

Performing Arts:

Dance:

The nominee must have:

- Won a National performance / competition
- Been selected into a significant National Dance competition / event

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
- Been selected into a significant National Drama competition / event

Kapa Haka

The nominee must have:

- Won a National performance/competition
- Been selected into a significant National Kapa Haka competition / event

Music:

The nominee must have been:

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

Visual Arts:

The nominee must have either:

- Won a significant National Visual Arts competition / event
- Been selected into a significant National Visual Arts competition / exhibition

Writing:

The nominee must have either been:

- Selected as a finalist in a significant Writing competition / event
- 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 in the year of the award
- 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 U18 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 (*17 years and over*) or open women
- Been selected to represent New Zealand in their age group team (*17 years and over*) or open women team (*not development squads*)
- Won a placing in a World Event (*World Championships or Youth Olympics*)

Please note, Year 12 students competing in events where participants are 16 years and under, sometimes know as U17 events, are eligible for the Iti Rearea bar, but not for Honours.

However, where a participant is 17 years or over and competing in an U17 event, it is at the discretion of the Honours Committee to award Honours if it is felt appropriate in the circumstance.

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.

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.