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STUDENT AWARDS POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Recognise and celebrate student achievement and success in a variety of curriculum areas.
- Maintain and monitor a structured award process.

Implementation

The Principal has overall responsibility to implement this policy and will assign the responsibility of coordinating awards to suitable staff members.

Policy

Awards Night

Awards will be given out at our annual Awards Night which is held in the last week of term each year.

It is the responsibility of the principal to delegate the organisation of the night.

All award recipients and their families are invited to attend the evening. All year 12 students are invited to attend to celebrate the end of their schooling.

Students in years 7–11 are expected to wear full school uniform. Year 12 students are asked to wear neat casual wear.

The following is a running sheet to assist with the organisation of the evening.

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country
2. Principal Address
3. School Council President Address
4. Year 7 Awards
5. SRC Report and Handover
6. Year 8 Awards
7. ADF Awards
8. Year 9 Awards
9. Sports Awards
10. Duke of Edinburgh Certificates Presented
11. Year 10 Awards
12. Staff Association Awards
13. Year 11 Awards
14. DUX Award
15. VCE Subject Awards
16. Senior VET Award
17. Year 12 Awards & Certificates
18. Closing Address

List of Awards

<u>YEAR LEVEL AWARDS</u>	<u>NO. OF AWARDS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Year 7 – 9 Academic Excellence Awards	5-10 per year level	\$50
Year 7 – 9 GROWS Awards	5-10 per year level	\$50
Year 10 & 11 Academic Excellence Awards	5-10 per year level	\$100
Year 10 & 11 GROWS Awards	5-10 per year level	\$100
Year 12 Academic Excellence Awards	5-10 per year level	\$500 - \$1000
Year 12 GROWS Awards	5-10 per year level	\$500 - \$1000
VCE Subject Awards	1 per year 12 subject	\$200

*Note – Students can receive both a GROWS Award and an Academic Excellence Award

<u>OTHER AWARDS</u>	<u>NO. OF AWARDS</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Parents Club Awards	1 per year level	\$50 - \$100
Staff Association Awards	1 yr9 & 1 yr11 student	TBD by staff
Duke of Edinburgh Awards	Yr 9 participants	Certificate
Junior VET Awards	1 per yr 10 VET subject	\$100
Senior VET Award	1 year 12 VET student	\$500 - \$1000
Senior VM Award	1 year 12 VM student	\$500 - \$1000
Junior & Senior SSV Sport Award	1 yr 7-9 student & 1 yr 10-12 student	\$100
Junior & Senior Sport Award	1 yr 7-9 student & 1 yr 10-12 student	\$50
Maurice Frawley Music Award	1 student	\$100 - \$200
Joseph Adams Award	1 yr 11 student	\$200
Alfred Adams Award	1 yr 10 student	\$200
Ampol All Rounder Award	1 yr 12 student	Medalion
ADF Long Tan Award	1 Yr 10 & 1 Yr 12 student	
ADF Future Innovator Award	1 Yr 10 & 1 Yr 12 student	
DUX Award	Yr 12 Dux	\$1000

Details of Awards

AWARD	Academic Excellence Award
YEAR LEVEL	All year levels
CRITERIA	Students who have achieved consistently high results across their subjects throughout the academic year are eligible for consideration. Academic performance will be determined using students' assessment task outcomes and reported achievement levels.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Academic Excellence Awards will be presented to approximately the top 10% of students in each year level. Rankings will be based on cumulative assessment results across all subjects. Final selections will be reviewed and confirmed by the Teaching and Learning Team in consultation with the Principal Team to ensure fairness and consistency.
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship

AWARD	GROWS Award
YEAR LEVEL	All year levels
CRITERIA	<p>Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates consistent improvement in academic achievement or learning behaviours. • Shows resilience when faced with challenges or setbacks. <p>Respect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treats peers, staff, and the wider school community with kindness and courtesy. • Demonstrates honesty, fairness, and integrity in actions and words. <p>Optimism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaches learning and school life with a positive attitude. • Encourages others and contributes to a supportive classroom culture. <p>Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes positive choices that support physical, social, and emotional health. • Contributes to a safe and inclusive environment.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	<p>Process for selection procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rocky rewards & Pos Ackn. if not enough. Students culled if they have a 'major' in the year. Teacher feedback on list <p>YLC to collate and LT to oversee final decision</p>
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship

AWARD	VCE Subject Awards
YEAR LEVEL	Year 12 Student(s) from VCE Unit 3/4 subjects
CRITERIA	<p>Awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student(s) with highest ranking and highest study score for Unit 3/4 Year 12 VCE subject
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Principal, Head of Senior School & Pathways/Transition LT analyse Year 12 results package to determine top student(s) in each VCE subject by rank and study score. Results typically available in the week prior to Presentation Night.
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship

AWARD	DUX Award
YEAR LEVEL	Year 12
CRITERIA	<p>Awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This award is presented to the year 12 student who has achieved the highest ATAR In the event that more than one student achieves the same highest ATAR, they all receive this award and additional funding is sought.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Principal, Head of Senior School & Pathways/Transition LT analyse Year 12 results package to determine student(s) with the highest ATAR. Results typically available in the week prior to Presentation Night.
SPONSOR	Rochester Secondary College Council

AWARD	Parents Club Awards
YEAR LEVEL	Year 7 – 12 (one from each year level)
CRITERIA	A 'Quiet Achiever' award that recognizes a diligent student who works hard consistently, demonstrates positive behaviour, and gets along well with peers.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Leadership to chose one student from each year level to receive the award.
SPONSOR	Rochester Secondary College Parents Club

AWARD	Staff Association Award
YEAR LEVEL	2 year 9 students and 2 year 11 students
CRITERIA	Awarded to 1 student in Year 9 and 1 student in Year 11 who exemplify the attitudes and behaviours of a positive student. This means they are present at school, active in their learning, respectful to others including peers, teachers and staff, and positive about the educational opportunities afforded to them at RSC. Academic excellence is not a pre-requisite.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	The award is determined by staff nomination (Google form) and subsequent voting as needed.
SPONSOR	Rochester Secondary College Staff Association

AWARD	Junior VET Award
YEAR LEVEL	Year 10 students (1 per VET subject)
CRITERIA	<p>Awarded to a student in each Year 10 VET subject who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintained high attendance Maintained High engagement Shown evidence of high-quality work Shown themselves to be self-motivated and an independent learner Been proactive in problem-solving and communicating with their trainer and peers Exemplified the GROW values at Rochester Secondary.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Nominations from VET teaching staff to short list candidates for each subject. VET Teaching staff, Head of Senior School & Pathways/Transition LT and YLC consult to determine final award winners based on criteria and merit. Leadership group consulted and informed of the award winner.
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship

AWARD	Senior VET Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 12 student
CRITERIA	<p>Awarded to a Year 12 VET student who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained high attendance • Maintained High engagement • Shown evidence of high-quality work • Shown themselves to be self-motivated and an independent learner • Been proactive in problem-solving and communicating with their trainer and peers • Been committed to their vocational learning program • Exemplified the GROW values at Rochester Secondary and within the wider community.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Nominations collected from staff and VET providers to short list candidates. Head of Senior School & Pathways/Transition LT and YLC consult to determine final award winners based on criteria and merit. Leadership group consulted and informed of the award winner.
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship

AWARD	Senior VM Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 12 VM student
CRITERIA	<p>Awarded to a Year 12 Vocational Major student who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained high attendance • Maintained High engagement • Shown evidence of high-quality work • Shown themselves to be self-motivated and an independent learner • Been proactive in problem-solving and communicating with their teacher and peers • Contributed to the school and/or wider community • Been committed to their vocational learning program • A student who exemplifies the GROW values at Rochester Secondary and within the wider community
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Nominations collected from staff and VM teachers with input from YLC. Head of Senior School & Pathways/Transition LT and YLC consult to determine final award winners based on criteria and merit. Leadership group consulted and informed of the award winner.
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship

AWARD	SSV Senior Sport Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 student from year 7 – 9 & students from year 10 - 12
CRITERIA	<p>Strong sporting contributions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displaying outstanding sporting leadership qualities within the school environment and beyond • Participated in SSV region and state finals and or represented Team Vic and State Sporting Association teams. • A student who participates across a range of sports at a grassroots level and displays outstanding teamwork, encouragement to fellow students, commitment to the school and generally lifts the morale of the school as a result • A student who has made a significant contribution to officiating, e.g., coaching, managing or umpiring school teams

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student who exemplifies the GROW values at Rochester Secondary and within the wider community <p>High academic achievement may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student who excels to a high level across a range of subject areas A student who has shown consistent improvement and application to their studies
SELECTION PROCEDURE	As selected by Sport department with leadership group approval
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship & SSV Medal

AWARD	Junior & Senior Sport Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 student from year 7 – 9 & students from year 10 - 12
CRITERIA	Recipients of this award have achieved a high level in extra-curricular sporting activities while also showing strong teamwork and sportsmanship whilst representing the school.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	As selected by Sport department with leadership group approval
SPONSOR	Community Sponsorship

AWARD	Maurice Frawley Music Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 student from year 7 - 12
CRITERIA	Recipients of this award demonstrate excellent ability in their chosen musical field. They are cooperative, consistent participants in the music program and have shown dedication toward the improvement of their skills.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	As selected by music teacher and endorsed by principal and assistant principal
SPONSOR	Maurice Frawley Family & Friends funding held by Rochester Secondary College

AWARD	Joseph Adams Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 11 student
CRITERIA	Awarded to a student showing the highest level of academic excellence in year 11 as selected through the Academic Excellent awards criteria.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Selected as part of the Academic Excellence Award selection process.
SPONSOR	Funds were donated many years ago by brothers Joseph and Alfred Adams to be held by Rochester Secondary College in order to award a yearly scholarship.

AWARD	Alfred Adams Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 10 student
CRITERIA	Awarded to a student showing the highest level of academic excellence in year 10 as selected through the Academic Excellent awards criteria.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Selected as part of the Academic Excellence Award selection process.
SPONSOR	Funds were donated many years ago by brothers Joseph and Alfred Adams to be held by Rochester Secondary College in order to award a yearly scholarship.

AWARD	Loddon-Campaspe Order of Australia Association bursary
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 10 or 11 student
CRITERIA	Awarded to a student undertaking VCE studies in 2026 and who are making some volunteer contribution to our school and/or community.
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Nominations collected from staff based on criteria. Head of Senior School, relevant YLCs and Principal to short list (via Engagement team) and determine winning candidate based on criteria. A vote will be used, if necessary, via the leadership team.
SPONSOR	Loddon-Campaspe Order of Australia Association

AWARD	Ampol All Rounder Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 12 student
CRITERIA	<p>This program empowers secondary schools across the country to acknowledge a final year student who has made an exemplary contribution to their school and wider community. The Ampol Best All Rounder Award is presented in more than 2,000 schools across Australia each year.</p> <p>The award recognises students that exhibit well rounded values including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership • Service and community • Sport • Arts and culture • Attitude • Personal conduct <p>The student chosen as most deserving of the award receives an award pack at the end of the year including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ampol Best All Rounder medallion • Ampol Best All Rounder certificate • A letter from Ampol's Managing Director and CEO, Matt Halliday <p>There is an opportunity for the awarded student to be entered into the State and/or National awards as well (with further prizes, vouchers, cash prizes and community grants for the winners).</p>
SELECTION PROCEDURE	Nominations collected from staff based on criteria. Head of Senior School, relevant YLCs and Principal to short list (via Engagement team) and determine winning candidate based on criteria. A vote will be used, if necessary, via the leadership team.
SPONSOR	Ampol - Medal

AWARD	ADF Long Tan Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 10 student & 1 Year 12 student
CRITERIA	<p>This award formally recognises those students who have demonstrated leadership and teamwork within their school and the broader community, and who display strong personal ethical values, such as doing one's best, respecting others and "mateship". Selection criteria includes students who have shown some or all of the following attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership • Teamwork • Values • Problem Solving • Resourcefulness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Co-operation • Community Involvement <p>Full details for each of these are outlined at the award level for Year 10 and 12 in the ADF portal and is included in the nomination form posted to staff and available to the selection team.</p>
SELECTION PROCEDURE	<p>Nominations collected from staff based on criteria. Head of Senior School, relevant YLCs and Principal to short list (via Engagement team) and determine winning candidate based on criteria. A vote will be used, if necessary, via the leadership team.</p>
SPONSOR	ADF

AWARD	ADF Future Innovator Award
YEAR LEVEL	1 Year 10 student & 1 Year 12 student
CRITERIA	<p>This award recognises those students who have demonstrated motivation and innovation in the areas of STEM within their school, and who display strong personal ethical values, such as doing one's best.</p> <p>Selection criteria includes students who have shown some or all of the following attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Innovation • STEM Motivation <p>Full details for each of these are outlined at the award level for Year 10 and 12 in the ADF portal and is included in the nomination form posted to staff and available to the selection team.</p>
SELECTION PROCEDURE	<p>Nominations collected from staff based on criteria. Head of Senior School, relevant YLCs and Principal to short list (via Engagement team) and determine winning candidate based on criteria. A vote will be used, if necessary, via the leadership team</p>
SPONSOR	ADF

Award Donors

Our college welcomes the sponsorship of organisations and individuals, while reserving the right to determine the purpose for which awards are made. The following timeline is a guideline for the sourcing of sponsorship.

Early October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email previous year sponsors inviting them to participate again• Notice in newsletter & on social media inviting local businesses to participate
October/November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank sponsorship being received into the scholarship sub-program in Cases21• Email receipts to sponsors and thank them for their support• Collate sponsorship and nominate amounts for awards
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Match students to awards via the selection processes• Print scholarship certificates showing award/student/sponsor/amount• Practice run of awards night and organise student thank you letters to supporters• Conduct awards night• Celebrate award winners and sponsors in newsletter/social media• Print and distribute Certificates of Appreciation to supporters
December – February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive bank detail form from students and distribute award money
Throughout year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledge sponsors regularly on newsletter and social media

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on school website
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2025
Consultation	Leadership
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	Nov 2026