



# Annual Student Awards

## Background

The purpose of the awards is to recognise the achievements of our students in the classroom. The achievements that we wish to recognise are be aligned with our core values as associated with our learning community.

Our awards are aligned with the ideas/aspirations outlined below:

### *Know and discover*

- Knowing and exploring
- Find and explore

### *Understand and dream*

- Creativity and innovation
- Dare to make a difference

### *Grow in faith*

- Christian character and service

And with the 'Building Learning Power' attributes of:

### *Resilience*

### *Resourcefulness*

### *Reflectiveness*

### *Reciprocity*

These awards are presented at the end of each year at the School's Celebration Day Assembly.

## Elizabeth Kenny Award for Christian character and service

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated integrity and honesty in their interactions with others. This student has displayed servant leadership and school citizenship, and has clearly put the needs of others ahead of themselves.

Sister Elizabeth Kenny was a nurse during World I who established a clinic in Townsville to treat polio victims with a treatment regime which involved movement rather than immobilisation. Over many years of work and lobbying, the medical world eventually recognised that her treatment methods achieved far better outcomes for polio victims than had previously thought possible.

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/kenny-elizabeth-6934>

### **Awardees:**

1 student from K-2  
1 student from 3-6

## Douglas Mawson Award for knowledge and exploration

This award is presented to the student who has taken our core aspiration to 'Know and discover' and put this into practice. They have taken the knowledge they have learnt and used this to explore the possibilities of what this could lead to.

Sir Douglas Mawson was a geologist and Australia's most famous Antarctic explorer who led the Australasian Antarctic Expedition. His epic trek whilst leading this expedition has been described as the greatest story of lone survival in polar exploration. As a result of his work our scientific understanding of Antarctica was greatly enhanced.

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/v2/australians/mawson.htm>

### **Awardees:**

1 student per class K-6

## Connor McLeod Award for Great Ideas

This award is presented to the student who has taken our core aspiration to 'Understand and dream' and come with an idea to solve a problem they have seen. The solution may not be new but it may be something that is being applied differently.

Connor is blind and at the age of 13 after a year-long campaign convinced the Reserve Bank of Australia to print tactile banknotes so that others like him knew for themselves how much money they had. His efforts are also leading the way for text-to-speech recognition on EFTPOS machines so vision impaired people know how much they are being charged when making purchases.

<http://www.smh.com.au/good-weekend/two-of-us-ally-lancaster-and-connor-mcleod-20151104-gkq9vb.html>

### **Awardees:**

1 student per class from K-2

## Fiona Wood Award for creativity and innovation

This award is presented to the student who has taken our core aspiration to 'Understand and dream' and put this into practice. They have dared to think outside the box about what might be possible even if they at first don't succeed.

Dr Fiona Wood is a plastic surgeon and 'spray-on skin' pioneer. She pioneered the innovative 'spray-on skin' technique, which greatly reduced permanent scarring in burns victims. Dr Wood was Australian of the Year 2005.

<http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/honour-roll/?view=fullView&recipientID=108>

### **Awardees:**

1 student per class 3-6

## Richard Tognetti Award for the Performing Arts

This award is presented to one student from Kindergarten to Year 2 who has demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm and distinction in the Performing Arts both in the classroom and in the co-curricular life of the school.

Richard Tognetti, AO is an Australian violinist, composer and conductor. He is currently Artistic Director and Leader of the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Artistic Director of the Maribor Festival in Maribor, Slovenia. Richard was born in Canberra.

[https://www.aco.com.au/about/musicians/richard\\_tognetti](https://www.aco.com.au/about/musicians/richard_tognetti)

### **Awardees:**

1 student from K-2

1 student from 3-6

## Shane Gould Award for sporting achievement

This award is presented to the student who has upheld the values of sportsmanship whilst achieving success across a number of sports.

Shane Gould was an Olympic gold medal swimmer at the age of just 15. She was a superstar and by the time she was aged fifteen she held every freestyle world record from one hundred to fifteen hundred metres. Her advice is to enjoy sport but also life.

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/v2/australians/sgould.htm>

### **Awardees:**

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1 student from 3-6