



# Year 12

## Celebration and Awards Ceremony

16 October 2025

## **SPIRIT OF SACRED HEART AWARD**

As we celebrate the achievements of our Year 12s, and wish them well for their future endeavours, we also take the opportunity to commend the many ways in which the Mercy Values have come to life throughout their time as students of Sacred Heart.

The first awards to be presented this morning are the Spirit of Sacred Heart Awards. These awards recognise the actions of students that have given living witness to what it means to be a person of Mercy.

The awards are designed to acknowledge students who demonstrate Mercy Values, and so before the announcement of each recipient, we will hear a little about the Mercy Value that they have exemplified.

### **Year 12 - Term 3**

#### **Mercy Value Hospitality**

##### **How this value was demonstrated –**

This student has significantly contributed to the 'warm hug' of the Dwyer Building. He consistently greets staff and students in passing, demonstrating the school's commitment to hospitality.

**The Term 3 Year 12 SOSH award for Hospitality goes to: Ryan Kinkade**

### **Year 12 – Term 4**

#### **Mercy Value Compassion**

##### **How this value was demonstrated -**

This student is well-loved by his cohort for his non-judgmental understanding, kindness, and empathy for others in their time of need.

**The Term 4 Year 12 SOSH award for Compassion goes to: Sam Benfold**

### **Genevieve Chalkley Mercy@Work Award**

This Award is in memory of Ms Genevieve Chalkley, Religious Education & Faith Development Coordinator at the College, who died in January 2000. Genevieve was also the founder of the Justice & Service Group. The Award is given to a Year 12 student who has been an active member of the Justice & Service group and who meets the Award criteria.

The Award criteria are:

- Sustained commitment to raising awareness of social justice issues
- Provision of leadership to the College community in working to alleviate social justice problems
- Representation of the College at interschool justice seminars/conferences and provision of effective feedback to the College community
- Provision of leadership through integrity and personal commitment to the goal of living out the Mercy ethos in daily life

The winner receives perpetual trophy design by Flynn's Silver that remains at the College, a beautiful Flynn Silver Pin and a certificate.

The winner of the Award is: **Eilis Blanks**

### **The Ethan McCulloch Courage & Resilience Award**

This very special award is named in honour of Ethan McCulloch.

Ethan entered Year 7 in 2016, and was a member of the Year 12 class of 2021.

Ethan is remembered for the warm and hearty smile that he wore each day at Sacred Heart. Ethan enjoyed all aspects of school life and loved the friendships that he found at our school.

Ethan was a person of enormous resilience and courage, and he lived out daily all of the aspects the Award which is named in his memory.

The colours of green and black, as they were Ethan's favourite colours.

I am pleased to welcome today Ethan's parents, Cathy and Brent, who have joined us today to help present the award.

I invite them now to join us on the stage.

Cathy and Brent, we're very glad to have you here, and we hope you always feel at home at Sacred Heart.

The criteria for Ethan McCulloch Courage & Resilience Award are:

- positivity in the face of adversity
- consistent displays of courage and resilience
- serving as a kind and compassionate friend
- holding a positive outlook on life
- sharing a passion for learning and discovery

This award is accompanied by a \$100 gift which has been donated by the College.

The winner of the Award is: **Senja Taylor-Marr**

### **Citizenship Award**

This Citizenship Award is regarded highly by the College. It is presented to a student who has lived out in their daily relationships the spirit and values of the Sacred Heart community. The student receiving the award has demonstrated the following criteria at all times throughout the course of their final school year:

- Support of the College Ethos
- Respect for others
- Integrity, Sincerity and a Willingness to be of Service
- Involvement in College Activities

The Citizenship Award is sponsored by the College and is to the value of \$50.00.

The winner of the Award is: **Aimee Brown**

### **ADF Long Tan Award**

The Long Tan Award is presented to a student in recognition of their leadership and teamwork. This award is sponsored by the Australian Defence Force, and is presented in many school communities throughout Australia.

The award is named in commemoration of those who served in the Battle of Long Tan, during the war in Vietnam.

The Long Tan award is nominated by the College, in response to a set of criteria that are applied in schools across the nation:

The Award criteria are:

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Respect for the values of the school and the community
- Excellent communication skills
- Willing to listen to other points of view

The Long Tan Award is to the value of \$550.

The winner of the Award is: **Astrid LeNoury**

### **ADF Future Innovators Award**

The Future Innovators Award is presented to a student to recognise their significant abilities in the areas of Science and Mathematics, and to highlight the value of STEM skills and STEM career opportunities.

As with the Long Tan Award, this award is also sponsored by the Australian Defence Force, and is also presented in many school communities throughout Australia.

As well as recognising creative and academic strength in Science and Mathematics, the Future Innovators Award is awarded to a student who displays strong personal ethical values, and who always strives to achieve their best.

The award is nominated by the College, in response to the following criteria:

- A student who demonstrates **innovation** in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.
- A student who demonstrates **motivation** in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.
- A student who displays strong personal ethical values, and serves as a role model to others.

The Future Innovators Award is to the value of \$550.

The winner of the Award is: **Madison Morgan-Smith**

### **Applied Learning Outstanding Effort Award**

The Applied Learning Outstanding Effort Award is held in high regard at Sacred Heart. This award celebrates the significance and importance that Applied Learning has at our college, and is presented to a student who serves as an excellent role model for all learners. The Applied Learning Outstanding Effort Award also places emphasis on the relationship between learning and vocational preparation, which we are proud to celebrate at Sacred Heart.

The student receiving the award has demonstrated the following criteria at all times throughout their learning:

- An Independent work ethic
- Always striving to do their best
- Demonstrating leadership qualities
- Inclusive of all others in the learning environment
- Showing initiative in their learning and practical activities

The winner of the Award is: **Larissa Lo Giudice**