

AWARDS CEREMONY: Thursday 14th December

SPECIAL AWARDS

Sporting Pathway Program Award.

The Sporting Pathways Program was established in 2019 and in partnership with the Regional Institute of Sport, it aims to give students the opportunity to extend themselves and develop overall athletic qualities. The Sporting Pathway Program Award is given to a student who has shown commitment, initiative, leadership and a willingness to always do their best.

Congratulations JOSH THOMPSON.

Josh has been a shining example of unwavering commitment and relentless motivation within our program. Josh has not only embraced the challenges of balancing academics and athletics but has done so with an inspiring level of dedication. Through countless hours of training and active participation in our sporting community, he has showcased a remarkable commitment to excellence. Josh is truly deserving of this recognition, symbolizing the essence of our Sporting Pathways Program and setting a standard for excellence that will inspire future generations to come through our program.

School Sport Victoria Medallion.

This award recognises a student with a strong sporting contribution to the school over several years, combined with consistent academic results.

Congratulations to ANNIE FLAHERTY

Annie departs Colac Secondary College in 2023 after six years of consistent participation in a variety of school sports. She was elected as a House Captain for Murray in 2023 and took on the role with a high level of enthusiasm. She has dedicated herself to sport in the local community over a number of years. Previously taking to the netball court for the Otway Districts and this year the Colac Tigers, where she won the Geelong Football Netball League Under 17 Div 2 best & fairest and played off in the Grand Final. No matter the occasion, Annie always approaches everything with a positive attitude and with big smile on her face which has a resounding impact on others.

Well done Annie on receiving this award and good luck for 2024.

Colac Otway Shire Award

Presented to the student who have displayed sound academic achievement and community service.

Congratulations MITCHELL HALL.

Mitchell has been dedicated to his studies in 2023. He has put in a great amount of effort and commitment in not only his own academic performance, but also combined the role of CSC School Captain and contributing to the local community. He's been an exceptional role model for his peers and has been a great ambassador for our school in 2023.

Agriculture and Horticulture Leadership Award.

This award is donated by Australian Lamb Company and is awarded to a student for their leadership and engagement within the Agriculture and Horticulture subject area.

Congratulations: ANGELA HAY

This award acknowledges Angela's enthusiasm for agriculture and her participation in Ag Hort activities and programs at school and in the local community. Angela has demonstrated a clear understanding of farming practices and is looking to pursue a career in this field. Angela has assisted at the Colac Show Animal Nursery and will be travelling to Tatura over Summer to participate in the International Dairy Week activities. Well done and thankyou for your help in 2023 Angela

VET and SBAT Excellence Award

Donated by Westvic Staffing Solutions. Vocational, Education & Training, commonly referred to as VET is designed to deliver workplace and industry specific knowledge. Students at Colac Secondary College study a range of different VET subjects and are engaged in a variety of different school based apprenticeships.

Congratulations DEAN GAVENS

In 2023 Dean has completed his Certificate II in Building & Construction through the Gordon TAFE. Feedback from his trainers at the Gordon were that Dean was dedicated and keen to learn and refine his skills in the construction industry. He completed all his coursework and practical projects in a timely manner. He has also undertaken subjects through the Victorian Virtual Learning Network and has showed outstanding organisation and independence through the year. Outside of his schooling, Dean is heavily involved in the Scouting Movement, to a point where he was awarded his Queen Scouting Award in 2023, which is an amazing achievement. Congratulations on a great 2023 Dean and all the best for Year 12 next year.

South West TAFE Award.

This award acknowledges a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement arising from their completion of a SW TAFE VET course.

Congratulations to ADAM BOX

Adam has completed his first year of Certificate II in Community Services in 2023. He has approached every session with full enthusiasm and has been an active team player. This course compliments Adam's heavy involvement with the local Colac Fire Brigade, where he is often involved as a first responder to a variety of scenarios and emergencies, which demonstrates his commitment to our local community. Combining this with Adam's dedication to his studies. We are looking forward to seeing you continue develop your skills and experience in 2024 Adam, Congratulations.

Local Community Connections Award.

This is donated by AKD Softwoods. This is an award to recognise a Year 11 student who displays academic excellence and a genuine commitment to the local community.

The recipient of the AKD Softwoods Award is ELLA HARWOOD.

Ella is truly deserving of this award. Not only is she doing an excellent job hosting this ceremony, but she's had a big year academically but also contributes to the local community to a high level. She is a committed club person of the Irrewarra Beeac Football Netball Club and often gives up her time to assist in the canteen or doing what needs to be done. She's also a member of the Colac Cricket Club & Warncoort Tennis Clubs. She was one of six CSC students to take part in the AKD Kokoda Trek and represented herself and the school tremendously. She was able to show tremendous resilience but even stronger support for others. Her leadership qualities are outstanding as is her ability to get on with the job without a fuss. Ella, congratulations, and we look forward to working closely with you in your role as School Captain for 2024 and good luck with the rest of today's assembly.

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards.

These awards started in 2006 to recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship", characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

The Year 10 ADF Leadership Award is TESS RUSSELL

Tess typifies what a great leader looks like at Colac Secondary College. She is extremely organised, inclusive, hard-working, diligent, and always presents herself to a high standard. She has been an active member of the SRC in 2023, was a mentor at the recent Surf Life Saving Bronze Camp, played a lead role in organising the Year 10 Semi Formal, all while prioritising getting the best out of herself in the classroom. She has been selected to attend the Kokoda Trek in 2024 on the back of demonstrating her leadership qualities throughout the application process. Well done Tess and good luck for 2024.

The Year 12 ADF Leadership award is EMILY MCCOSH

Emily is thoroughly deserving of this award in 2023. She was appointed as the 2023 School Captain late last year and took the role on with both hands. She has been dedicated to the role and has been able to influence others, which is a true sign of a great leader. She has been dedicated to her studies, in particular through Year 11 and 12, where she would often remain behind in the Senior Building trying to extract the best out of herself as possible. Well done Emily, we look forward to hearing about your adventures in 2024.

The Australian Defence Force also recognise students who are innovators of the future. The award will recognise recipients' science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities.

The Year 10 ADF Future Innovator Award goes to JACK PROVAN

Congratulations to Jack who only joined Colac Secondary College at the start of Year 10. He has been a keen and motivated learner, in particular the STEM subject area where his level of understanding is exceptional. Next year, Jack will be undertaking English, Chemistry, Physics, both Year 11 Maths Methods and Specialist Maths through the Victorian Virtual Learning Network and Year 12 Legal Studies. Congratulations Jack and we look forward to being part of your Year 11 and 12 journey over the next two years.

The Year 12 ADF Future Innovator Award goes to INDI ASTHON

Since joining CSC, Indi Ashton has shown great dedication to her science and mathematics pursuits, with her STEM career aspirations always being at the forefront. She competed in Youth of the Year and has consistently demonstrated an exceptional level of motivation towards her STEM studies. Amazing job Indi!

The Wannon 'Award of Excellence' is sponsored by the Hon. Dan Tehan MP, Member for Wannon.

The award recognises excellence and achievement – encouraging leaders of tomorrow.

Recipients of the award demonstrate the following attributes:

- A high standard of attitude and achievement
- Participation in school activities with a positive approach
- A commitment to the ethos of the school
- An awareness and understanding of others and their needs.
- A positive contribution to the school community over many years.

The Wannon Award was presented to HANNAH FRUIN.

Hannah Fruin has continuously demonstrated a positive attitude towards her achievements, both inside and outside of the CSC community. She has been involved in State Schools Spectacular and musicals across the years. She seizes any opportunities presented her way and is always a great support for her peers and teachers alike. Congratulations Hannah!

Polwarth Award

This is an award presented to a student who demonstrates dedication, initiative and excellence in their studies and the broader extracurricular activities offered across the college.

Congratulations SALLY COX

Sally is a leader within the community, as a member of the SRC, she has been able to begin to form connections with members of the school community as well as the Colac community. Sally always communicates with kindness and ensures that she always considers the needs of others. She has shown great commitment to all areas of her studies and has shown great success across subjects. As a member of sporting pathways, Sally has further shown that she endeavours to be the best possible version of herself. So far in her journey, Sally has shown herself to be an integral member of the CSC community and we look forward to watching her growth over the coming years.

Community Citizenship Awards

These awards are donated by the Rotary Club of Colac West and are presented to two students who have contributed to the life of the school community and in particular, as a positive role model for their fellow students.

The recipients of the Community Citizenship Awards are MAYA FARNES and HUDSON DEWAR.

Maya has made positive contributions to the life of the school community. She excelled in her Education Support Traineeship at Elliminyt and was a positive role model for all students as Barwon's Vice Captain. She completed her VCE-Vocational Major in 2024. Fantastic work Maya!

Hudson has been an integral member of the junior school with his involvement in the school for student leadership, where he was able to lead a project to improve an area within the school. He was instrumental in his work as a Year 9/10 Buddy by supporting our Grade 6 Students to transition into secondary school. Hudson is also involved in many community groups through his sporting prowess and exemplifies what it means to be a student at CSC. May Hudson continue to pave the way in making our school community a better place for others in the years to come.

Country Women's Association of Victoria Scholarship.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Scholarship is to support a students going into Year 11 or 12 with their ongoing costs of education.

Congratulations OLIVER SPRY-BOYD

Oliver is moving into Year 11 in 2024 after continuing to apply himself consistently to his studies. He is always respectful to his peers and teachers and always gives everything a go with a positive attitude. Oliver is very dedicated to his studies and he's aspiring to join the Police Force in the future. It is our pleasure to present Oliver with this scholarship who is a thoroughly deserving recipient. Congratulations.

ALL-ROUNDER AWARDS

The 'All Rounder' awards are presented to one student at every year level. The student has achieved excellence in a range of pursuits in the classroom, and that may include the sports field, performing arts or within the local community. This student is considered to have displayed leadership, commitment and has set an example for others to follow.

The Year 7 Best All Rounder award is donated by Blanes Newsagency.

Congratulations MONTANA THEODORE

Montana is a well-respected member of the year 7 community, extremely conscientious and considerate of others, ideas, choices and ethics. Montana truly personifies Colac Secondary College's values and maintains high standards. She is an outstanding student having received an Endeavour award, several Academic awards and Sports participation award, an exceptional start to her Secondary learning. Congratulations Montana.

The year 8 Best All Rounder Award is donated by Huddle Learning Systems.

Congratulations to RUBY HALL

Ruby always steps forward with a positive attitude and participates in all areas of the school community. Ruby is committed to her studies and shows persistence and inclusivity in her sporting pursuits. Congratulations to Ruby for her ongoing efforts!

The year 9 best All Rounder is donated by Spence Constructions.

Congratulations to ARCHIE WALKER.

Archie has been an outstanding contributor to the year 9 team throughout 2023, and always strives to do his personal best. He could be best described as a quiet achiever who goes about his work with minimal fuss. Further to this, one of the most impressive aspects of his year was the way that he grew in confidence and maturity throughout this year. Archie holds high standards in every aspect of his school life. Whether it is his academic pursuits, sporting prowess or general behavior and attitude, there is something to be admired by all. Finally, I know your peers appreciate the care and compassion you show towards others, and so do I. Congratulations Archie, a worthy recipient of the Year 9 All rounder award.

The Year 10 Best All Rounder award is donated by Bunnings Warehouse.

Congratulations to INDIANA TUCKER.

Indiana has displayed outstanding commitment and effort in demonstrating the key characteristics of an All Rounder. She student displays all of Colac Secondary College's values of Aim, Aspire and Achieve. For Indiana, this includes excelling in her Academic studies, Attitude, Personal Conduct and Leadership. She is always setting an outstanding example to her peers in the way she conducts herself in all aspects of school life at Colac Secondary College. Congratulations Indiana, a very worthy recipient of this award.

The Year 11 best All Rounder award is donated by The Colac Herald.

Congratulations REEGAN BROWN.

Reegan is a very mature young man. He is always friendly, polite and helpful. He has a great relationship with both his peers and teachers alike.

Reegan has undertaken the Vocational Major course at school this year and along with completing his year 11 studies he has a School Based Apprenticeship in cabinet making.

He is heavily involved in the Wye River Surf Club and has been an outstanding mentor for younger students attending the camp. Reegan is also involved in the Otway District Football Club and is an active cricketer, also showing great leadership skills in these areas. We wish you all the best for 2024 Reegan and look forward to also working with you closely in your role as School Captain.

Congratulations Reegan.

The year 12 best All Rounder award is donated by Australian Lamb Company.

Congratulations to JOSEPHINE ROBBINS-AMATNIEKS.

Josie has demonstrated excellence in a range of her classroom pursuits. She excelled in her role as Otway House Captain, consistently displaying great leadership, commitment and setting an example for other students to follow in this role. She has received the All-rounder award several times which reflects her dedication to the Colac Secondary College community. Like many others, she always has a positive attitude and shows a great amount of care her others. Well done Josie and all the best for 2024 as you pursue the next steps of your life.

Vocational Pathways Award

Donated by the Rotary Club of Colac.

This award is presented to a student who achieved excellent results, displayed determination and initiative whilst completing the VCE-Vocational Major.

The recipient of the Vocational Pathways Award is MAYA FARNES

Maya Farnes, the deserving recipient of the Vocational Pathways Award, is a shining example of excellence in education. Throughout her VCE-Vocational Major, Maya not only achieved outstanding results but also demonstrated unwavering determination and initiative, completing a Certificate III in Education Support. Maya embodies the qualities that make her a standout student in the pursuit of her educational and vocational goals, and we look forward to welcoming her as a staff member at Colac Secondary College in 2024.

The Insight Publication Award

The recipient of the Insight Publication Award is JONAH FRITH.

Jonah is a quiet, hard-working and respectful student who always gives his full attention to his studies in class. He is not afraid to ask for help if needed during the class to clarify the required tasks. Through great determination and dedication to his studies, he has passed all Units 1 and 2 of his subjects this year.

He is a worthy recipient of this award, and it will be a great start for his units 3 and 4 studies next year.

Congratulations, Jonah!

ATAR award.

The ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) is a score based on a student's overall Unit 3 and 4 VCE Results. The ATAR is determined by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre and consists of an aggregate score of 'scaled results' for each subject studied by the student. The ATAR award is awarded to the Year 12 Student who scored the highest ATAR.

We are thrilled to announce and celebrate a remarkable achievement within our Colac Secondary College community. It is with great pleasure that we reveal the outstanding academic

*accomplishment of our Year 12 Dux, **Lochlan Provan.***

Lochlan has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence throughout his time at Colac Secondary College, and his dedication has resulted in a truly impressive Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90.0. This achievement is a testament to Lochlan's hard work, and perseverance. In 2023, Lochlan undertook English, Business Management, Maths Methods, General Maths and Physics. He joined Colac Secondary College in 2021 and quickly found his feet in his subjects and friendship groups. His hard work and study habits were inspiring and he set an excellent example for his peers. Lochlan, congratulations on this award and I would now like to invite you to say a few words.