

Middle School Arts Awards

St Margaret's College recognizes achievement and service in the arts at Middle School level with two awards for students in Years 7-10 involved in the arts at school: an Arts Badge and Colours in Arts.

The following areas will be considered: Dance, Drama, Music, Oratory, Technical, Visual Art and Creative Writing. However, badges and Colours will be presented for "Arts" rather than for any specific area.

Arts Badge - awarded to students who have demonstrated:

- Skill - A high level of skill in your field/s of arts
- Committed Contribution - minimum of two full years at Middle School level to one or more of the arts. (eg: choirs, clubs etc). This will include participation in at least two different school co-curricular groups or projects for two full years.

Badges are white with gold lettering.

Colours - awarded to students who have demonstrated:

- Skill - An outstanding level of skill in your field/s of arts
- Committed Contribution: - minimum of two full years at Middle School level to one or more of the arts. (eg: choirs, clubs etc) This will include participation in at least two different school co-curricular groups or projects for two full years.
- Service: - going above and beyond mere participation, eg: leadership initiatives such as starting up a new group, mentoring, assistance at school events, help behind the scenes, etc.
- Regional Competition/Exhibition/Publication - a placing (1st/2nd/3rd) or the following qualifications: Music Grade 7, Speech & Drama Grade 7, Contemporary Dance Level 5, Jazz/Ballet Intermediate or an equivalent qualification deemed appropriate by the Arts Committee.

Colours take the form of a white braid to be sewn onto the sleeve of the school blazer.

These criteria are to be maintained up to and including the year of application. Please note that student participation in and commitment to school co-curricular arts groups is imperative to gaining a badge or Colours, and that tuition in Music, Dance and Speech & Drama classes does not count towards applications.

Student Conduct Expectation

To be awarded Colours a student must be able to show that she consistently upholds the values of St Margaret's College and that she consistently meets and role models the attendance, behavioural and uniform presentation expectations of the College.

Procedure

Students apply by filling in the appropriate application form. The form is to be sent to the Arts Facilitator Gill Blackler by email (pdf or word please) and two hard copies of each are to be handed into the School Office

The deadline for applications is 4pm Monday 1 November – applications are to be emailed to Gill Blackler gill.blackler@stmargarets.school.nz

The application will be considered by the Arts Committee, consisting of the Curriculum Leaders and Teachers in Charge in all the Arts areas and Middle School Arts staff.

Final confirmation will be made by the Arts Committee in consultation with Senior Management. Decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

All awards will be presented at the Middle School Arts Awards Assembly in Term 4.

