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SACRED HEART COLLEGE- PRIMARY SCHOOL

CULTURAL AWARDS POLICY

Policy Statement:

The cultural programme is a vital part of the wider extra-curricular programme in the Primary School at Sacred Heart College. This programme provides an opportunity for the students to partake in various activities including, but not limited to, the Choir, Public Speaking, Eisteddfods, Music Grading, Performance Arts, Talent Shows and School Productions. The purpose in organising such events is to ensure that the students have opportunities to develop the skills inherent in such performing art opportunities. As such, the school feels it is essential that students who represent the school in this area of the holistic education we offer should be recognized for their efforts and expertise.

Who approved this Policy?

This policy was drafted by the Principal of the Primary School and approved by the Cultural Awards Committee as conveyed by the Principal.

Who needs to know this Policy?

All staff members, students and parents need to be aware of this policy. This policy will be available for viewing on the school website and School app.

Criteria for the awarding of Cultural Awards

This section includes criteria for awards in the following areas of school life:

- **The Primary School Choir**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Recognised Eisteddfods – while performing in the name of the school**
- **School Productions**
- **Cultural Scroll Award**

1. The Primary School Choir

Objectives:

- To encourage and maintain interest, gratification, pleasure and enthusiasm in the participation in the School's Choir.
- No auditions are held, as the objective is to encourage enthusiasm, enjoyment and participation.
- Teachers have the right to ask participants to leave if their behaviour is not of the required standard.

Record Keeping:

- A regular attendance register is kept.
- Students representing the school in various sporting and/or cultural activities will be excused – e.g., Soccer, Netball, Tennis Tournament etc.

Uniforms:

- Full school uniform when representing the school.

Award Timing

- Certificate and Badges handed out at end of year awards

Awards Criteria:

- **Certificate of Participation:** Relevant results handed out at the Eisteddfod.
- **Choir Badge Award:**
 - Diploma/Item winner at a recognised Eisteddfod.
 - A minimum of 80% attendance.
 - Participation for two consecutive years.
 - Only awarded from Grade 4 onwards

2. **Public Speaking**

Objectives:

- To encourage and maintain interest, gratification, pleasure and enthusiasm in the participation in the School's Public Speaking programme and competitions.
- To develop the public speaking skills of each student.

Record Keeping:

- A regular attendance register is kept.
- Grade 4 – 7 students participate in an annual inter-grade speech competition. Winners' results will be recorded.
- Students representing the school in Public Speaking competitions will be recorded.

Uniforms:

- Full school uniform when representing the school.

Award Timing

- Certificate of Achievement handed out at the internal event.
- Badge at the end of year awards

Awards Criteria:

- **Certificate of Achievement:** Participant at internal school event.
- **Public Speaking Badge Award:** Winner of the Internal Speech Competition (Grade 4 – 7)

3. **Eisteddfod**

Objectives:

- To encourage and maintain interest, gratification, pleasure and enthusiasm in the participation of the School's activity.
- No auditions are held, as the objective is to encourage enthusiasm and participation.
- Students will enter Eisteddfods as an individual or group **on behalf of the school** and take part voluntarily.
- Teachers have the right to ask participants to leave if behaviour is not of the required standard.

Record Keeping:

- The School is to be informed of any students participation at the respective Eisteddfod and results need to be sent to Mrs Sanan along with copies of

certificates. This needs to be handed in by the end of October. Late entries will not be considered for award purposes.

Recognised Eisteddfods

- Must be an accredited Eisteddfod (NESA, Allegretto, Alberton)

Uniforms:

- Full school uniform when representing the school, unless stipulated

Award Timing:

- At venue on day of performance.
- Badge Award at the end of year awards

Awards Criteria:

- **Certificate of Participation:** Relevant results handed out at the Eisteddfod.
- **Eisteddfod Badge Award:** 10 points is needed for a badge.

Points Classification

Diploma = 5 points

Item/Section Winner = 10 points

Points are awarded in the year of achievement. They are not carried over.

5. **School Productions**

Objectives:

- To encourage and maintain interest, gratification, pleasure and enthusiasm in the participation of the School's activity.
- To improve self-confidence.
- To improve voice projection and public speaking.
- Encouraging teamwork.
- Taking direction and developing listening skills.
- Interpretative skills.
- Teachers have the right to ask participants to leave if their behaviour is not of the required standard.

Auditions:

- Auditions are held as the objective to give the students the most suitable roles in the production.
- The teacher's decision regarding the selection of a role is final.

- The teacher has the right to replace a student should he/she not fulfil the requirements.
- Students involved with back-stage and lighting/sound will be recognised for their commitment to the over-all production.

Record Keeping:

- An attendance register is kept.
- Students representing the school in various sporting and/or cultural activities will be excused – e.g., Soccer, Netball, Tennis Tournament etc.

Award Timing

- Drama badges awarded at the end of year awards.

Awards Criteria:

- **Drama Badge Award:** Winners of the following Cups:
 - Best Actor/Actress Cup
 - The students awarded should have played a main role.
 - Outstanding performance.
 - Ability and willingness to take direction.
 - Natural ability to improvise with effect.
 - Perform with conviction.
 - Understanding and interpretation of the role.
 - Shows initiative and originality.
 - Positive audience reaction.
 - Interaction with audience.
 - Voice projection and diction, eye contact.

6. Cultural scroll awards

Objectives:

- To encourage and maintain interest, gratification, pleasure and enthusiasm in the participation of more than one School Cultural activity.

Record Keeping:

- Mrs Sanan will keep up to date records of Cultural Awards in the Primary School.

Award Timing:

- Honours Evening

Awards Criteria:

- **Cultural Scroll Award:** Awarded if a student receives any two badges in the areas of cultural commitment to the school in the same year. Only from Grade 5 onwards.

- **The Principal's Cultural Scroll Award for Commitment:** This may be awarded to a student, who, at the discretion of the Primary School Principal, has demonstrated full commitment to the Cultural life of the school over a number of years but has not met the above criteria.