



St Hilda's Collegiate Blue Awards

A Blue at St Hilda's Collegiate School is an individual award in recognition of students who have shown excellence and/or outstanding achievement in the sporting, cultural, academic or service arenas at St Hilda's Collegiate School. Recipients of these awards are presented with ribbon and blazer bars.

Any student wishing to apply for a SHCS Blue, must submit your nomination by the date advertised. Each nomination will be discussed by the appropriate Blue Committee to select those who will receive a blue. Referees can be nominated and contacted. Nominations for individual awards must be of no more than 250 words.

SPORT CRITERIA

St Hilda's Collegiate School Sport Blue

In order to be awarded a Sport Blue, students must have demonstrated a consistent and exceptional level of ability, dedication and commitment to their chosen sporting activity. All Year 11-13 recipients will have had to represent St Hilda's Collegiate School in the highest team or category for a minimum of 2 years. Any Regional/National events attended must be part of the NZ Secondary School Sport Calendar and **must have been signed off by the school.**

Must achieve 4 of the 5 criteria

- 1, Demonstrated excellence in their chosen team or individual sport
- 2, Selected and attended for all available inter-school exchanges, quad tournaments, School Regional, South Islands and /or National events.

- 3, Has shown outstanding commitment to the team/sport including games, practices and service for the current year.
- 4, Displayed quality sportsmanship on and off the field and within school.
5. Selected and competed for a Otago Representative 'A' Team or equivalent

Re Awarded School Sport Blue

The applicant must have received the Sports Blue in the previous year and have fulfilled the above sports blue criteria again in the current year to be eligible for a Re-Awarded Blue.

St Hilda's Collegiate School Double Sport Blue

A double blue is awarded in recognition of exceptional achievement in a sports code within the last 12 months. As well as meeting the sports blue guidelines, the applicant must:

- Named in a South Island/NZ tournament team and/or
- Been selected to attend a NZ training camp or training squad and/or
- As an individual, made the top 20% of their field at a South Islands Secondary Schools Competition or equivalent.

Re Awarded Double Sport Blue

The applicant must have received the Sports Double Blue in the previous year and have fulfilled the above sports blue criteria again in the current year to be eligible for a Re-Awarded Double Blue.

St Hilda's Collegiate School Sport Award

A SHCS Sport Award is in recognition of a student's exceptional achievement in a sports code within the last 12 months and at a NZ Age level.

The individual must have been :

- Selected for a New Zealand Age Group and taken part in the competition OR
- Placed Top 20% at a National Sanctioned competition in a sport while representing St Hilda's eg New Zealand Secondary Schools

St Hilda's Collegiate School Honours

A SHCS Honours Award is given to a student who has excelled and performed beyond the above criteria in her chosen sport at a NZ Open level. This award is decided at the sole discretion of the Sports Blues Committee.

The Blues Committee reserves the right to

** decline any award to any student it feels has not displayed the necessary level of sportsmanship and/or who does not reflect the core values of the school.

***Where an individual athlete does not have a pathway to reach a higher level for that sport then a SHCS Award may be given at the discretion of the committee.

****Fields of less than 3 teams/individuals & entry process will also be at the discretion of the committee

ACADEMIC CRITERIA

Academic Blue

An Academic Blue is awarded in recognition of exceptional performance in an academic field. Academic Blue's that recognise performance in NCEA are awarded at the beginning of the following year when final results are known.

This award recognises excellence and/or outstanding achievement in an academic activity which you are involved in within the school.

To be considered for a Academic Blue the applicant must have:

1. Gained excellence level endorsement in NCEA.
2. Gained recognition of outstanding achievement or excellence at Regional or National level in an academic competition or activity, within the last twelve months.

e.g. Writing published, Winner of an Art competition, Speech competition.

Note: Other activities will be considered on a case by case basis

Re Awarded Academic Blue

The applicant must have received their Academic Blue and continued to perform at an outstanding or an excellence level, fulfilling the above Academic Blue criteria again the following year to be eligible for a Re-Awarded Blue.

St Hilda's Collegiate School Academic Award

A SHCS Academic Award is awarded in recognition of exceptional achievement in an academic area within the last twelve months.

The applicant must:

Meet the following criteria:

- Represent New Zealand in a National academic activity (eg. win National Race Unity Speech Competition)
- Place first in New Zealand in an Academic field (e.g. NZQA Top Scholar)

St Hilda's Collegiate School Honours

A SHCS Honours Award is given to a student who has excelled and performed beyond the above criteria in an academic area. This award is decided at the sole discretion of the Blues Committee.

CULTURAL CRITERIA

Cultural Blue

A Cultural Blue is awarded in recognition of students' contribution to cultural activities at St Hilda's. The expectation is that this contribution will continue while recipients remain at school. In order to be awarded a Cultural Blue, students must demonstrate the values of commitment, honesty, respect and excellence through their involvement in Cultural Activities.

This award recognises excellence and/or outstanding achievement in a cultural activity which you are involved within the school.

To be considered for a Cultural Blue the applicant must have:

1. Gained recognition of outstanding achievement or excellence at Regional or National level through performance, competition or examination at the highest level, within the last twelve months.
2. Meet the above criteria as it relates to one of the following cultural activities.
 - Dance
 - Debating
 - Drama
 - Music
 - Performing Arts
 - Visual Arts

Note: Other activities will be considered on a case by case basis

Re Awarded Cultural Blue

The applicant must have received their Cultural Blue and continued to perform at an outstanding or an excellence level, fulfilling the above Cultural Blue criteria again in the following year to be eligible for a Re-Awarded Blue.

St Hilda's Collegiate School Cultural Award

A St Hilda's Collegiate School Cultural Award is awarded in recognition of exceptional achievement in a cultural area within the last twelve months.

The applicant must:

1. Demonstrate a consistently excellent level of attitude and commitment to the chosen cultural activity to the satisfaction of both the school and/or the coach, choir master, music teacher, etc.
2. Meet the following criteria:
 - Represent New Zealand in a National cultural activity (eg. NZSS Choir)
 - Be a member of the School's regional group that wins a National title (eg. Rockquest)
 - Be an individual who has placed in the top three at a National Competition.

If the cultural discipline is not provided at St Hilda's Collegiate School the Blues committee may require a letter from either the regional or national cultural organisation stating that the cultural discipline is recognised by the cultural discipline's national body.

St Hilda's Collegiate School Honours

A SHCS Honours Award is given to a student who has excelled and performed beyond the above criteria in her chosen cultural discipline at a NZ or International level. This award is decided at the sole discretion of the Blues Committee.

SERVICE CRITERIA

Service Blue

A Service Blue is awarded in recognition of students who have made an exceptional and sustained contribution. These awards require a minimum of three years service (43 hours of service per year). This service recognises student contribution to cultural, sports and community service and may include coaching, leadership, supervision of students and assistance with organisation. You cannot apply the service for these awards towards any other award (such as Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award)

Community Service

This recognises service that is given to outside organisations and the activities within St Hilda's that are not directly related to Cultural and Sport.

The service does not have to be to the same organisation each year providing three years of some kind has been completed. E.g. St John's, leading a youth group, Senior Mentor, regular help at your church, library, brownie leader, regular coaching for a community sport's club (not school coaching)

Cultural Service

This recognises service given to St Hilda's Cultural Activities, e.g. organising committee for Stage Challenge, leading the Year 7 & 8 choir.

With the Service Award, the specific duties performed by the students may change from year to year providing three years of some kind has been completed.

Sport Service

This recognises service given to St Hilda's Sport, e.g. coaching a team, nomination by their co-ordinator for making an outstanding contribution to their sport, organisation and coordination of a sport.

With the Service Award, the specific duties performed by the students may change from year to year providing three years of some kind has been completed.

Re Awarded Service Blue

The applicant must have received their Service Blue and continued to perform at an outstanding or an excellence level, fulfilling the above Service Blue criteria again in the following year to be eligible for a Re-Awarded Blue.

Double Service Blue

A Double Service Blue is awarded in recognition of students who have made an exceptional and sustained contribution in the area of service. These awards require a minimum of two further years service (43 hours of service per year).

This service recognises a student's continued contribution to cultural, sports and community service and may include coaching, leadership, supervision of students and assistance with organisation. You cannot apply the service for these awards towards any other award (such as Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award)

Team Awards

SHCS Sport Excellence Award: Presented with a Badge

A SHCS Sport Excellence Award is given to St Hilda's teams that have demonstrated outstanding achievement together at a sanctioned South Islands/National Secondary School Sport event (or equivalent) and placed in the top 20% of their field.

** field numbers will be taken into consideration**

SHCS Cultural Excellence Award: Presented with a Badge

A SHCS Cultural Excellence Award is given to St Hilda's groups that have demonstrated outstanding achievement together at a sanctioned South Islands/National Secondary School event (or equivalent) and placed in the top 10% of their field.

** field numbers will be taken into consideration**