
SHOALHAVEN HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Positive Recognition Procedures

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Purpose

The purpose of our Whole School Positive Recognition System is to develop student pride in learning success by acknowledging and celebrating students for their commitment, involvement, effort and achievement in school life. Positive recognition takes many forms at Shoalhaven Heads Public School including a whole school cumulative recognition pathway.

Whole School Positive Recognition Pathway (Wave Riders)

Our Whole School Positive Recognition Pathway is designed to help students understand that receiving an award requires more than just meeting basic classroom requirements. It necessitates a commitment to excellence, a willingness to take on challenges, a dedication to continuous improvement and a growth mindset. Wave Rider awards encourage students to aim high, push their boundaries, and strive for greatness in all aspects of their school life.

Every week teachers give Wave Rider awards to students in their class that recognise one of the following:

Literacy – Recognising specific, demonstrated literacy behaviours from their learning.

Numeracy – Recognising specific, demonstrated numeracy behaviours from their learning.

Effort – Recognising effort, perseverance and consistent learning engagement that students invest in their learning.

Citizenship – Recognising personal or public responsibility for themselves and others (social, emotional skills).

Achievement – Recognising the accomplishment of a learning goal or other learning success the student has been working towards.

These awards are given on a pro rata basis and certificates will be presented to students after recess each day.

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Certificate of Excellence
Students who receive 5 Wave Riders will be awarded a Bronze Band, Distinction Certificate and canteen voucher.	Students who receive 10 Wave Riders will be awarded a Silver Band, Distinction Certificate, canteen voucher and a Mufti Day.	Students who receive 15 Wave Riders will be awarded a Gold Band, Distinction Certificate, canteen voucher, Mufti Day and a Principal's reward.	Students who receive more than 15 Wave Riders over the year, will receive a Certificate of Excellence presented at the end of year Presentation Day.

Surfies

These are small slips of paper handed out regularly as reinforcers that occur frequently throughout the day. Surfies are designed to indicate in small but effective ways that students are on the right track in their learning and behaviours. Surfies are collected from classrooms by school leaders and placed in sports house boxes. The sports house that collects the most surfies in a designated period receives a negotiated reward voted on by the students in the house group.

In-Class Recognition Awards

Individual teachers will continue to implement class-based recognition specific to the stage and management style of each individual class. The classroom regulation ladder is used across the school. All classrooms display a visual regulation ladder. This whole school behaviour management system provides opportunities for teachers to respond to both positive and negative learning behaviours in a clear and consistent way across the school. Students who reach the top of the regulation ladder receives Surfies. An email will be sent to the parents of students who consistently reach the top of the regulation ladder within the week.

Home Reading

Shoalhaven Heads strives to build a love of reading that gives our children the best start for lifelong learning and discovery. Reading is a fundamental skill our children will use for the rest of their life. Students at Shoalhaven Heads Public School have the opportunity to complete reading journals across the year. Once a student completes a reading journal, they return it to the school office. Each term, children will be presented with a Wave Rider Reading Award for the first Home Reading Journal they return. This journal, and each subsequent journal a student completes will also go into a draw to win a reward that celebrates reading. The last day to hand in Home Reading Logs is Friday, Week 6, Term 4.

Positive Attendance Awards -

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Students who maintain 95% or above attendance each term will be recognised for their commitment to responsible attendance.

Presentation Day Awards

A Presentation Day Assembly is held in Term 4 each year to recognise and acknowledge special and extraordinary efforts and achievements our students have made throughout their current school year. Awards are based on student performance and effort throughout the year. Performance outside school in sporting teams etc. is not taken into account, as this process is about school performance and effort within the context of the school. These decisions are not made lightly and are discussed and follow specific selection criteria. Award decisions made by the school are final.

Presentation Day Awards include but are not limited to;

Kindergarten Graduation Certificates – All Kindergarten students receive a certificate celebrating the completion of their first year of schooling. This is an incredible achievement and each student's effort and hard work is recognised.

Outstanding Commitment Award – This award goes to a student who consistently applies themselves, is keen to learn, regularly participates, is a high achiever academically and a positive role model in terms of their work habits.

Citizenship Award – This goes to a student who has demonstrated that they show kindness to others, seek opportunities to help, show concern for others' wellbeing and volunteers to assist without seeking recognition. The recipient of this award actively builds a respectful culture at Shoalhaven Heads Public School and leads by example. They uphold the school's values of respect, responsibility and safety in all school activities.

Academic Achievement – This award goes to a student that has achieved academic excellence in a number of aspects of the curriculum. The recipient of this award has demonstrated a dedication to their learning and inspired those around them to adopt higher standards of academic rigor to achieve success.

Class Awards- These awards provide specific recognition of students that have made a significant contribution to their own learning and enhanced their progress as a result.

Achievement In Creative Arts

The student has demonstrated ability in one or more of the performing arts, including singing, instrumental, music, dance and drama. Has represented the school in the performing arts in performances as an individual or as a member of school performance ensembles. Or has demonstrated ability in the visual arts through participation in a wide range of visual arts activities within the school and the broader community and display exceptional creativity and originality in artwork.

Achievement In Public Speaking

The student has demonstrated high level ability in Public Speaking at school or through external competitions showing a commitment to developing public speaking skills or has shown a notable improvement in confidence and skill in delivering both prepared and impromptu speeches.

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal

This medal is intended to acknowledge one student for their outstanding commitment to one or more of the following;

- Commitment to fair play and sportsmanship.
- Achievement in their sporting discipline (as a participant/umpire/trainer/ assistant and/or sports leader).

- Overall contribution to their school's sporting program.

This award should not replace any school sports awards and is not intended as further recognition to competitive sporting achievement only.

Library Awards- This award is given to one student from each stage for outstanding Library behaviour, consistent borrowing and commitment to reading.

P&C Recognition Award- This award is given to 1 junior and 1 senior student who has demonstrated commitment and promotion of all school values to other students, shows initiative when serving the school community and shows kindness and compassion to others.

Commitment to Reading- This award is given to commitment to reading demonstrated through the home reading program and in the classroom.

Young Writers Awards- This award recognises outstanding writing that is creative, clear, engaging, impactful, and of high quality.

Positive Improvement Award- This award is given to students that have shown social and emotional growth overtime. The students work hard to uphold school values and have shown commitment to positive improvement in social, emotional and attitude to school life.

Learning Growth Award- These awards are given to students that have shown significant growth in Literacy or Numeracy over the school year.

Encouragement Award- These awards are given to students who show pride and service to our school community with high levels of integrity.

Year 6 Awards - These awards acknowledge the achievements of students in their educational achievements over the year. This is an opportunity for outstanding students in Year 6 to be recognised.

Shoalhaven Heads Public School Positive Recognition Pathways provide opportunities for students to experience extrinsic validation of their achievements to support the development of intrinsic motivation in their learning and behaviour.