

Performing Arts Colours and Merit Award Criteria

To be awarded a Colours or Merit award the student must meet two groups of criteria within one year.

Note: At the discretion of the Principal a Colours or Merit award can be made to a student who does not meet all the criteria if there are exceptional circumstances.

Group 1

All criteria must be met

- Be a role model in terms of leadership and/or loyalty, reliability and willingness to take advice
- Demonstrate a high level of participation in practices (must attend 95%)
- Contribute to performance Drama/Dance/Kapa Haka/Music in the great majority of opportunities available

Group 2

For Colours students must gain at least 7 points, or for Merit at least 5 points from the following:

Category	Points
Coach/direct/lead students for a performance which is seen at a competition or by a wider audience. For example: Show Quest, theatre sports, Sheilah Winn, NZ Theatre Foundation play entry, junior production, Kapa Haka	2
Perform in a major role in a Drama, Dance, Music or Kapa Haka event for public performance – performance at an Excellence level.	2
Perform in a significant Drama, Dance, Music or Kapa Haka event that involves rehearsing for an extended time and is for a wider audience. For example: external theatre company. Show Quest, School Musical, school Kapa Haka group, external Kapa Haka group, Big Sing, Jazz Quest, Chamber Music Festival, Orchestra Festival	1
Involvement in a regional/national competition – where you have successfully earned a place to represent at a higher level by successfully winning or qualifying from previous event For example: Sheilah Winn at showcase evening/Wellington, NZ Theatre Foundation major award. (Show Quest and other Regional non qualifying events such as Kapa Haka Regionals do not qualify.)	3
Achieve at an Excellence level in two internal assessments and a Merit/Excellence in a third.	1
Represent the school in a long-term official position For example: Theatre ambassador/Champion, lead Māori Executive	1

Major School Production/National Representation

Colours and merit awards can also be gained from involvement in the school production or representation in another major event by itself. All Group 1 criteria must be met, and the student must have played a lead role. For Colours the performance must have been at an outstanding level. For Merit the performance must have been at a high level.

Script published for b4 25, performing at the Sheilah Winn Nationals or NZ Theatre Foundation National representation, National SS Orchestra, National SS Jazz Orchestra, National SS Choir will also achieve Colours.