

Blues Awards

Kirkwood Intermediate School values and encourages personal excellence which has resulted in the establishment of our 'Blues' system.

There are quite strict criteria for receiving a Blue and this is outlined for you below. All of you can achieve a Blue in your time here at Kirkwood if you are dedicated, committed and enthusiastic. Good luck.

The following is a brief overview of the Blues criteria:-

Academic

- A 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in any Canterbury wide competition such as:
 - Cantamaths, Social Studies, Technology Challenge, Kids' Lit and any other school entered competition.
- A 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing or a special prize award in the Canterbury Science Fair.
- Being the overall winner of the Rotary Speech Competition.
- A distinction award in any external examination such as:
 - NSW Maths, English, Computer, Science, Writing.
- Obtaining 22 or more out of 25, or an excellence certificate in the Otago Problem Solving Competition.
- Being a published writer in a national competition, eg NZ Poetry Society.
- Any other achievement approved by the Blues Committee.

Cultural

- Being involved in any Town Hall festival 'special group' such as:
 - Recorder, choir, orchestra, concert band.
- Being acknowledged by the school Art Committee:
 - Two years of high quality work and commitment to the Art Cup.
- By obtaining Grade 5 or better for an instrument by obtaining Grade 5 or better in any form of dance such as:
 - Ballet, Highland Dancing, Jazz.
- By obtaining a grade that reflects five years of achievement in dance that does not use a grading system, eg elementary level in Hip Hop.
- Two years commitment and achievement in Kapa Haka.
- High level of performance and leadership in the school production.
- Any other achievement approved by the Blues Committee.

Sport

- A Sports Blue will be awarded to any pupil who:
 - Gains a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd placing at an Intermediate 'A' grade competition in individual or team events in any age group.
 - Gains a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an 'A' grade or the top team for that age group in any sport at a Christchurch or district level. E.g. Ellesmere.
 - Any other sporting achievement approved by the Blues committee.
- A Bronze Sports Blue will be awarded to any pupil who:
 - Is selected to represent Canterbury in the top team for that age group in any sport.
 - Gains a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in the 'A' grade, or top grade for that age group, at a Canterbury wide championship competition in any age group.
- A Silver Sports Blue will be awarded to any pupil who:
 - Is selected to represent the South Island in any sport.

- Gains a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in the 'A' grade, or top grade for that age group, at a South Island wide championship competition in any age group.
- A Gold Sports Blue will be awarded to any pupil who:
 - Is selected to represent New Zealand in any sport.
 - Gains a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in the 'A' grade, or top grade for that age group, at a New Zealand wide championship competition in any age group.

Pupils will receive the Blue or Elite Blue only once in any given sport, eg: a Sports Blue Cross Country would be awarded to someone who is placed 1st at the zones. That person could then be awarded a Bronze Cross Country if they were placed 2nd in the Canterbury competition.

Pupils can receive Blues in more than one sport. Eg: if a pupil represents Canterbury in table tennis they would be entitled to a Bronze Sports Elite Table Tennis; and if they went on to represent New Zealand in tennis they would be entitled to a Gold Sports Elite Tennis.

Academic

- Bronze
 - 1 Academic Blue
 - 4 Academic Bars
- Silver
 - 1 Academic Blue
 - 6 Academic Bars
- Gold
 - 1 Academic Blue
 - 8 Academic Bars

Cultural

- Bronze
 - 1 Cultural Blue
 - 3 Cultural Bars
- Silver
 - 1 Cultural Blue
 - 5 Cultural Bars
- Gold
 - 1 Cultural Blue
 - 7 Cultural Bars

Outstanding Elite Blue Award

This award will be given to any pupil who has achieved an Academic, Cultural and a Sporting Blue.

- ↳ **There is no set limit on the number of awards a pupil can gain in a year.**
- ↳ **Subsequent awards in the same category will be recognised by a 'Blues Bar'. (with the exception of Sports Blues).**
- ↳ **Blues will be awarded at Blues Assemblies which are held at the end of Terms 2, 3 and 4.**
- ↳ **Parents will be informed by letter and will have the opportunity to attend the Blues Assembly.**