Prizes and Awards Policy

Introduction

Since 1984 the SACE Board of South Australia (previously the Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia) has administered the awarding of prizes to students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in some Stage 2 subjects. The administration of these prizes was transferred to the SACE Board by the Public Examinations Board of South Australia in 1984.

The SACE Board works with community groups — work organisations, cultural groups, and trusts administering the bequests of individual benefactors — to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of SACE students in particular subjects through the granting of special awards.

For the purposes of this policy statement, the term ‘prize’ is used to denote a prize that is provided to an individual student. Examples of such prizes are the *Tennyson Medal* for English Literary Studies and the *Goethe Prize* for German.

The term ‘award’ is used to denote a special award that is provided to all students who gain a Merit Certificate in a particular subject. Examples of such awards are the *Australian Institute of Physics (South Australian Branch) Award* and the *Stage 2 Vietnamese Excellence Award*.

Individual prizes and special awards are donated by members of the South Australian community.

Policy Statement

In partnership with the South Australian community, the SACE Board annually provides:

* individual prizes
* special awards

based on students’ Stage 2 results.

The SACE Board administers prizes transferred to it from the Public Examinations Board (since 1968) and the Public Examinations Board of SA (since 1984). The prizes awarded to individual students in particular subjects are listed in Attachment 1. The SACE Board will not approve any new prizes for individual achievement in subjects.

Various community organisations collaborate with the SACE Board to recognise all students who demonstrate exceptional achievement in particular Stage 2 subjects; that is, all students who gain Subject Merits in those subjects.

Students can gain a Subject Merit in a Stage 2 Board-accredited subject, if they meet the following two criteria:

* gain an overall subject grade of A+ for that subject, and
* be selected by a panel appointed by the Board, as demonstrating exceptional achievement in the subject. Typically fewer than 2% of the subject cohort would meet this criterion.

Subject Merits will be reported on the student’s SACE Record of Achievement as ‘A+ with Merit’. The student will receive a parchment style document that will attest to being awarded a SACE Merit in a Board-accredited subject.

A private candidate is a student who completes a Board-accredited Stage 2 subject without being formally enrolled in a school or the SACE Board and without completing and submitting the school assessment component. A private candidate is not eligible for a Merit Certificate and is therefore not eligible for a special award in that subject.

*NB: Individual prizes and special awards are to be reviewed in 2015.*

The special awards donated by community organisations are listed in Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENT 1

List of Individual Prizes

| Prize | Subject |
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| Alliance Française de l’Australie du Sud Prize | French |
| Annie Montgomerie Martin Prize and Medal for French | French |
| Annie Montgomerie Martin Prize and Medal for Modern History Subjects | Modern History and Australian History |
| Association of Ukrainians in South Australia Prize | Ukrainian |
| Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Prize | Modern Greek |
| Australian Institute of Physics Prize — Bronze Bragg Medal | Physics |
| Azhar Abbas Memorial Trust Prize for Indonesian | Indonesian |
| Campbell Award | Awarded to students attending government schools (for at least 2 years) who gain five or more full-year Merits or the equivalent |
| Classical Association of South Australia Prize for Classical Studies | Classical Studies |
| Co-ordinating Italian Committee Prize | Italian |
| Don Maynard Music Prize | Music with a practical component |
| Economics Teachers Society of South Australia Prize for Excellence in Economics | Economics |
| Geological Society of Australia Prize for Geology | Geology |
| Goethe Prize | German |
| Hardwicke College Prize for Biology | Biology |
| John Lewis Medal and Prize for Geography | Geography |
| Schiller Prize for German | German |
| Shevchenko Prize for Ukrainian | Ukrainian |
| Tennyson Medal | English Literary Studies |
| Way College Prize and Medal for Chemistry | Chemistry |

ATTACHMENT 2

List of Special Awards

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| Award | Subject |
| Australian Chinese Medical Association of South Australia (ACMA SA) Award for Excellence in Chinese (continuers) | Chinese (continuers) |
| Australian Education Union (South Australian Branch) — Jean Pavy Award for Excellence in Women’s Studies — awarded to students attending government schools | Women’s Studies |
| Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Award for Modern Greek | Modern Greek |
| Australian Institute of Physics (South Australian Branch) Award | Physics |
| Business and Enterprise Teachers Association of South Australia Inc. (BETA SA) Award for Excellence in Accounting Studies | Accounting |
| English as a Second Language Educators (South Australia) — Ann Sexton Memorial Award | English as a Second Language and English as Second Language Studies |
| Janine Haines Memorial Award for Excellence in Women’s Studies — provided by the Minister for the Status of Women | Women’s Studies |
| Japan Australia Friendship Association (JAFA) Award for Excellence in Japanese | Japanese |
| Legal Education Teachers Association of South Australia — Institute of Justice Studies Award | Legal Studies |
| Leila Rankine Aboriginal Studies Award for Excellence — provided by the Aboriginal Studies Educators Association | Aboriginal Studies |
| Royal Australian Chemical Institute Award | Chemistry |
| Spanish Teachers Association of South Australia — Spanish Embassy Award for Excellence in Spanish | Spanish |
| Sports Medicine Australia (SMA) (South Australian Branch) Bert Apps Special Award for Excellence | Physical Education |
| Stage 2 Vietnamese Excellence Award — provided by the Vietnamese Farmers Association Inc. | Vietnamese |
| State Theatre Company of South Australia Award for Excellence in Drama | Drama |