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**Spirit of Anzac Awards**

The Spirit of Anzac Awards are a unique set of awards that have been established at Brighton Secondary School to highlight our commitment to recognizing the Anzac qualities of mateship, courage, leadership, resilience, excellence and community involvement.

At our annual Valedictory and Recognition and Presentation assemblies, one student from each of the five year levels is selected to receive this prestigious Award.

Spirit of Anzac Awards were first presented in 2005 as a result of the strong relationship that the school has developed with the Brighton RSL - through the regular involvement of our Head Prefects and musical performers, in the Brighton Jetty Dawn Service held each Anzac Day.

The school is proud to nurture this unique community partnership and to support a strong values education program which reflects the importance of the Anzac story in Australia’s history.
Spirit of Anzac Tour

In 2009 the first Spirit of Anzac study tour to the Somme area of France was organized. As a result of the support of the Brighton Lions organization, the Brighton RSL and other community sponsors, seven students and a teacher travelled to France to participate in the Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux and to visit World War one historical sites.

The students involved in this special event were selected on the basis of a written application which provided evidence of their personal interest and commitment to educating others about the Anzac story.

It is anticipated that a Spirit of Anzac tour will be offered to a small group of year 10 and 11 students every second year from now on.
Other Awards
Brighton Secondary School has a long and prestigious history of academic, sporting, musical and extra curricular excellence.

At the Year 12 Valedictory and Presentation Evening a range of awards is presented to Year 12 students to recognize their achievements in their final year of schooling, as well as throughout their years of study at Brighton.

The Major Year 12 Awards and prizes include:
Dux of the School
The Caltex All Rounder Award
Yr 12 Recognition Award
Spirit of Anzac Award
Long Tan Award
Head of Music Awards
Special Interest Volleyball Awards
School Service Awards
Subject Prize Awards
Community Citizenship Awards
International Student of the Year Award
Vocational Education and Training Awards

We are grateful to a number of community sponsors who support these awards.

Governing Council Recognition Awards
All students are encouraged to work towards achieving their best through a similar set of awards in Years 8 to 11. Of particular interest are the Year 8 to 11 Governing Council Recognition Awards which have been established to recognize a significant number of students who show an outstanding effort across the areas of academic performance, community involvement, leadership, student voice, sporting and / or extra curricular activities.
Scholarships and Study Support Programs

Sponsored by the Brighton Lions organization, two categories of financial scholarship have been established at Brighton Secondary School.

Brighton Old Scholars Scholarships are available to one student per year in Year 8 who is the son or daughter of a past scholar of Brighton, Mawson, Brighton Boys Technical High school or Brighton Secondary School. The scholarship provides $1,000 per year for the five years of the student’s schooling.

The Brighton Lions Vocational Scholarships are awarded to one student per year who shows significant effort, achievement and potential in a vocational area of study. This $1,500 scholarship supports the student during the last three years of their schooling.

Students are also actively encouraged to take part in activities that support applications for a range of other scholarships and study support opportunities. These opportunities are available through organizations such as the Australian Defence Forces Technical Scholarships, Rotary, Overseas Exchanges, Siemens and National Youth Science Awards, Plain English Speaking Competitions, Auction Idol, Debating, Music, Language and other study Competitions, Indigenous study support programs and Awards.

Students who are selected to perform in a state or national sporting competition may also apply to the school for a sport grant to acknowledge their achievement and to support travel and participation costs.

Social justice grants, available through the school counsellors, are available to students at risk of leaving school through financial difficulty.
"The Dawn Ceremony was amazing ..... I have never been so proud to be an Australian."