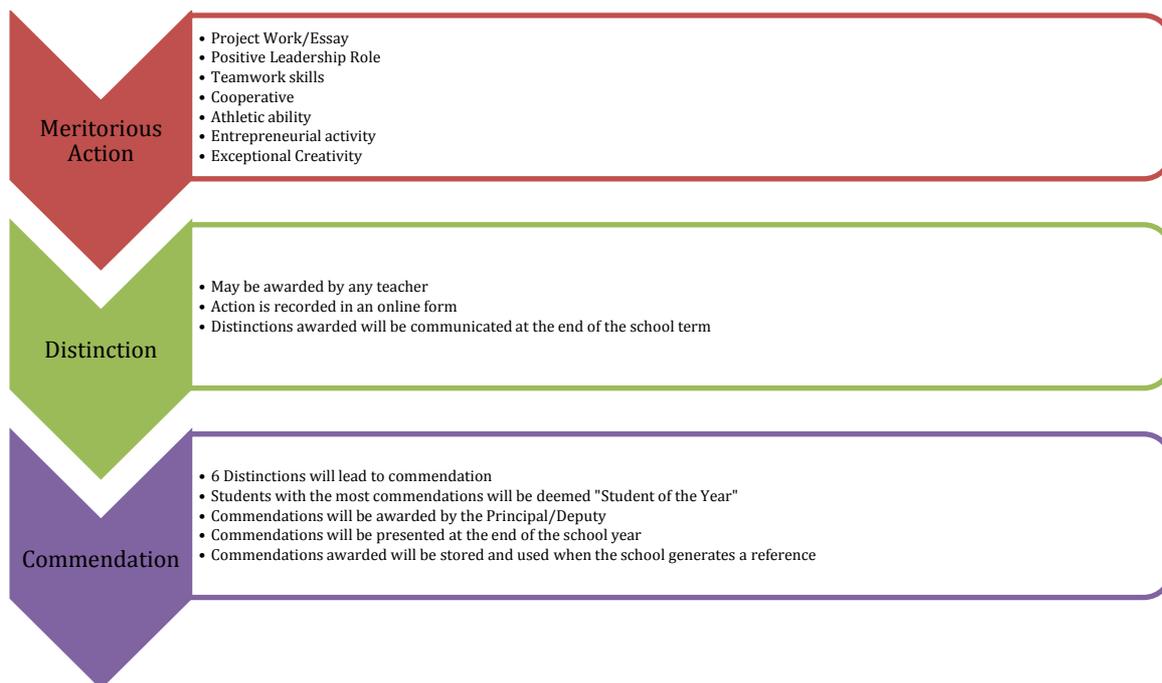




CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Student Affirmation Intervention



Commencing in January 2014, a new system of rewards for excellent student work/actions/skills is being implemented.

Distinctions

Where a student produces a piece of work or demonstrates actions/skills that a teacher considers to be particularly good, that student shall be recommended for a distinction for that work.

This award will be purely notional in nature – there is no actual “prize”. However, the award will be recorded and announced in the annual Awards Ceremony. In as much as is possible, pieces of work/projects that have won distinctions will be exhibited at the Awards Ceremony. Simply producing “good” work is insufficient to merit such an award. The teacher must feel that it is particularly outstanding, and/or that an exceptional



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amount of effort has been put into it. Typically, a teacher may award a maximum of about 10-12 distinctions across all their classes in any given academic year. This should give students a measure of the level they should seek to reach in order to achieve such an award.

It is important to acknowledge that distinctions will not be restricted exclusively to written work. It can be for non-academic achievement also, for example if a student breaks the SGC “bleep test” record in PE, or creates an exceptional piece of Art, this shall be considered worthy of a distinction. Awarding a distinction is entirely at the discretion of the teacher and the Principal or Deputy Principal. Any attempts by students/parents to lobby or pressure teachers to award a distinction shall immediately disqualify them from attaining such an award.

In the interest of fairness two teachers cannot give a distinction for the same piece of work.

Commendations

Where a student achieves 6 or more distinctions in the academic year, they shall be awarded a Commendation. This shall constitute a certificate, which shall be awarded at the annual Awards Night.

In very rare cases, a truly extraordinary achievement may result in the student being awarded a Commendation without needing to attain six distinctions.

