

# Junior School Merit System

For Parents and Students



INABURRA SCHOOL

# Levels of Awards

Class Merit Award

Head of Junior School Award

Principal's Award

Inaburra Junior School Pin

Inaburra Junior School Medal



# Progression through the System

Number of Awards	Level of Award Attained
6 Class Merits (across 3 ILP)	Head of Junior School Award <i>(Awarded by HOJS in K-6 Assembly)</i>
2 Head of Junior School Awards (12 merits)	Principal's Award
2 Principal Awards in JS career <i>(24 merits)</i>	Inaburra Junior School Pin <i>(Awarded by Principal in K-6 Assembly)</i>
4 Principal's Awards in JS career or 2 Inaburra Junior School Pins <i>(48 merits)</i>	Meeting with Principal to apply for the Inaburra Junior School Medal. <i>(Medal Awarded at Presentation Event)</i>

# Current FAQs

- Merits will be tallied automatically by the school's database and recorded on each student's profile. Parents may see their child's awards on the portal.
- Students **will not** be required to hand in the physical awards to receive the next level.
- This is only for Junior School - awards will not carry over into Senior School.
- This system will begin Term 1 2017, students can start earning awards in this new system from Week 1.

If you have any other questions please click this link and complete the form. The Junior Leadership team will address these.

[Click here](#)

# Philosophy

The new system incorporates the Inaburra Learner Profile and the Junior School values. The plan; to create a simple, authentic and meaningful system that all students could buy into for their Junior School career. Integrity - explicit framework - reward growth and development in individual students over time.

Linking the merit system to the Inaburra Learner Profile will integrate the values and characteristics that are present in our teaching programs. These are the soft skills that should be integrated into everyday life.

It will allow recognition for all learning through the use of the soft skills that we value at Inaburra School.

# Key Changes

1. This **system retains the tally of awards year after year**, allowing the students to work towards the goal of the Inaburra Medal.
2. There is a Head of Junior School Award added.
3. The Inaburra Junior School Pin and Medal are not for all students to achieve
4. For a student to receive the Inaburra JS Medal the student will have the right to apply. They will need to discuss with Mr Coote and/or Mr Bowden and talk about why they deserve the medal.
5. Each merit is to be presented because a student has earned it, not because it is their turn for an award.
6. **Only Class Merits apply for this progression.** Sport, music, external exams, Choose Respect and others have already received the public kudos.

# Class Merit Guidelines

Class merits are handed out at the discretion of the class teacher and specialist teachers. The student must display one the soft skills outlined in the Inaburra Learner Profile in order for it to be awarded.

All specialist teachers (Mandarin, Visual Arts, PDHPE, Music, Library) are welcome and encouraged to award students with a class merit.

# Evaluative Process

As we introduce the new merit system at the start of 2017 the Junior Leadership team will continue to evaluate the process. If you have any initial questions please fill in the form and the Junior Leadership team will answer your questions.

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There will be a survey sent out in Term 4 2017 to collect any feedback in regards to the new Merit System.