## Purpose of the Prize

This prize est. 1999, honours the work of the late Alan and Yvonne Thrift who devoted their working lives to the development of music at Avondale. Alan was the head of the Music Department from 1957 to 1990; Yvonne taught piano and voice at Avondale for more than twenty years.

## Selection Criteria

The prize will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

1. A student in the third or higher year of a BA or equivalent degree (including double degrees built on the BA) with a specialisation or double major in Music
2. Awarded on:
   - ensemble performance
   - involvement and leadership in the musical activities of the Avondale Conservatorium
3. A record of maintaining good academic grades in Music units taken at Avondale
4. The nominating committee reserves the right not to award the prize in any given year

## Administration of the Prize

1. Each year the Executive Assistant to the President (Prizes Coordinator) will confer with Avondale’s business office to ascertain sponsorship from monies collected at the Graduation Concert then confer with the Head of Music. The offering monies are to accumulate until a principal of $23,000 is reached which will yield $1,000 interest annually to ensure the perpetuity of this prize.
2. Nominations for the prize shall be made by the Chair of the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee in consultation with the Head of Music and the music lecturers. The Chair shall also arrange for a review of academic records of nominees for the prize. In the event of one or more students equally qualifying for the prize, this committee may use its discretion and share the prize between students. The name/s will be presented to the College Learning and Teaching Committee for final approval at least three weeks prior to the academic prizes presentation ceremony.

## Sponsorship

The prize shall be for the value of $1,000 (determined annually on offerings collected) along with the recipients’ name engraved on the perpetual shield. The sponsorship is provided from Graduation Concert offerings. The Prizes Coordinator will arrange with Avondale’s business office for a cheque to be made out to the prize recipient.

## Presentation of Prize

The prize will be presented during the academic prizes presentation ceremony held annually in October. The Director of Music, or their nominee, will present this prize.

## Citation

The AVONDALE CONSERVATORIUM ALAN & YVONNE THRIFT PERPETUAL SHIELD FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE is awarded for involvement and leadership in the musical activities of the Avondale Conservatorium and integrity and initiative in academic and performance areas.

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and is awarded to [name of recipient]