AVONDALE CONSERVATORIUM GEORGE GREER MEMORIAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PRIZE

Purpose of the Prize

This prize (est. 2013) is awarded in memory of George Greer, a much loved and respected Head of Music from 1947 to 1952. His dedication to the Music program saw it expand rapidly. Under Greer’s influence the Avondale Symphonic Choir was established and gained national recognition for choral excellence.

Selection Criteria

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

1. A student in the second or higher year of a BA or equivalent degree (including double degrees built on the BA) with a major, specialisation or double major in music.

2. Academic performance by a student in a given academic year will have met the following requirements:
   - Undertaken a full-time study load of at least four units in each semester
   - Passed all subjects
   - Achieved an average grade of at least 75% across all music units studied in the reference year
   - Achieved the highest average grade across all music units studied in the reference year
   - Reflect the values and expectations outlined in the Avondale Handbook, exhibit reliability, diligence, honesty and a positive attitude to work and studies. Failure to maintain these values may lead to forfeiture of the prize

3. 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 available in the Evensong, Concerts and Events Reserve, then confer with the Director of Music. These monies are to accumulate until a principal of $32,000 is achieved to support 3 prizes.

2. The prize is conditional on the student’s continued enrolment in a BA, or equivalent degree (including double degrees built on the BA) with a major, specialisation or double major in Music in each semester to which the scholarship pertains. (The scholarship may be deferred with approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts for a maximum of two consecutive semesters.)

3. The prize shall be awarded only once to the same student.

4. Nominations for the prize shall be made by the Chair of the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee in consultation with the Director of Music and the music lecturers. The Chair shall also arrange for a review of academic record of nominees for the prize. In the event of multiple 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 $500 (determined annually on offerings collected until $32,000 principal) along with the recipient’s name engraved on the perpetual shield. The sponsorship is provided from offerings collected at Evensong, concerts and events. The Prizes Coordinator will arrange with Avondale’s business office for a cheque to be made out to the prize recipient.

Presentation of the Prize

The prize will be presented during the prizes presentation ceremony held annually in October. The Director of Music or an appointed representative will present the prize along with a commemorative certificate.

Citation

The AVONDALE CONSERVATORIUM GEORGE GREER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE is awarded for academic excellence in both musicology and performance in the musical activities of the Avondale Conservatorium.

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