

Excellence Awards

Awards are offered to encourage the pursuit of excellence by Avondale students. Awards are presented in November of each year unless indicated otherwise. The values indicated are for 2002. Further details of selection procedures are available from the Office of the Vice President (Academic Administration).

General Awards

Avondale College Foundation Awards of Excellence

Three awards, each of \$2000, presented to one male and one female student from the Cooranbong campus and to one student in the Faculty of Nursing and Health at Wahroonga. The recipients will have shown initiative, leadership potential, and desired Christian qualities. To be eligible for consideration, nominees must have achieved an average percentage score in all subjects of their course in the upper 50% of the graduating class.

Avondale Alumni Community Service Award

Awarded to a final-year student who has given outstanding voluntary service to the community in the current year. The student may or may not be intending to graduate. Donor: Avondale Alumni Association. \$1000.

Kincare Community Service Award

Awarded to a second-year student who has given outstanding voluntary service to the community in the current year. Donor: Kincare. \$1000.

Arts

Bachelor of Arts Award of Excellence

May be awarded each year to a Bachelor of Arts graduating student. Criteria:

- Excellence in the student's major field with above average performance in other subject areas of the course.
- Excellence to be measured primarily by grades achieved, with a weighting in favour of 200 and 300 level subjects. Awardees will normally be expected to have attained a number of distinction grades.
- Evidence of good citizenship.

Donor: Willabee Floor Service. \$250.

Avondale AWR Communication Scholarship

Four scholarships, awarded to two Communication students entering second year and two entering third year.

- Available to Communication majors in the BA, BA/BBus and BBus programs.
- Awarded to Communication majors on the basis of academic merit, defined by the candidate's aggregate marks in all subjects taken at Avondale, with double weighting for the candidate's best two 100-level Communication subjects and best four 200-level Communication subjects.
- Awardees must have passed all subjects studied at Avondale.
- Awardees must demonstrate exemplary citizenship, presentation and professionalism.
- The scholarship may be awarded to students from any country.
- Scholarship holders must undertake a study load of at least 15 credit points per semester.
- Continuance of the scholarship into the second semester is contingent upon passing in all subjects in semester 1.
- The scholarship cannot be deferred.
- The scholarship cannot be redeemed for cash, in whole or in part.
- The recipient can benefit from only one Avondale scholarship or bursary per year.

Presented in March each year. Donor: Adventist World Radio. \$1500 scholarship for one year. A student seeking the award for a second year must reapply in competition with other applicants.

Alan and Yvonne Thrift Perpetual Shield for Musical Excellence

This award honours the work of Alan and Yvonne Thrift, who devoted their working lives to the development of music at Avondale. Alan was Head of the Music Department from 1957 to 1990; Yvonne taught piano and voice at Avondale for over twenty years. The shield is awarded to a student in the third or higher year of a BA, BA/BBus or BA/BTch degree with a major in Music. The shield is awarded on the basis of ensemble performance and involvement and leadership in the musical activities of the College. The awardee shall have maintained good academic grades in Music subjects taken at Avondale. The nominating committee reserves the right not to award the Shield in any given year.

Noel Clapham Memorial Scholarship

- Normally awarded to a student about to commence the third or higher year of a BA, BA/BBus or BA/BTch degree with a major in Music.
- Awarded primarily on the basis of practical music performance.
- Other criteria to be considered shall include the contribution made to the musical life of Avondale College, and other scholarships/awards (if any) held by potential recipients.
- Preference may be given to students holding no other scholarships/awards.
- The scholarship is intended to assist in the defrayal of the Avondale tuition fees. It will therefore be credited to the student's fee account at the College, and cannot be redeemed for cash, in whole or in part. Normally the scholarship will be awarded in two equal instalments, one in each semester of the year to which the award pertains.
- The scholarship is conditional on the student's continued enrolment in a BA, BA/BBus or BA/BTch degree with major in Music in each semester to which the scholarship pertains.
- Continuance of the scholarship is contingent on satisfactory academic progress.
- The scholarship shall be awarded only once to the same student.

Valued at \$400 in 2003.

Business and Information Technology

Bachelor of Business Excellence Award

Awarded to a final-year Bachelor of Business student according to the following criteria:

- Quality of performance in all the upper level (200 and 300 prefixed) subjects of the course.
- Diligence and positive attitude to studies and where applicable, quality of service in work experience.
- Relationship to peers, lecturers and College personnel.
- Exemplary citizenship, presentation and professionalism.

Donor: Sanitarium Health Food Company. \$1000

Bachelor of Business (Accounting) Excellence Award

Awarded to a student who has excelled in the first year of the BBus (Accounting) or BBus (Accounting/Information Technology) degrees. Criteria:

- Must be a full-time student on a full academic load.
- The student will be selected primarily on performance in the two first-year Accounting subjects with a weighting of 25/75 between first and second semester grades.
- All subjects must be passed
- Diligence and positive attitude to studies and where applicable, quality of service in work experience.
- Relationship to peers, lecturers and College personnel.
- Exemplary citizenship, presentation and professionalism.

Presented in March each year. Donor: Williamson Chaseling Pty Ltd

Bachelor of Business (Information Technology) Excellence Award

Awarded to an outstanding first-year Bachelor of Business student.

- Must be a full-time student in the BBus (Information Technology) or BBus (Accounting/Information Technology) degrees on a full academic load.
- The student will be selected primarily on performance in Introduction to Programming.
- All subjects must be passed in first year.
- Diligence and positive attitude to studies and where applicable, quality of service in work experience.
- Relationship to peers, lecturers and College personnel.
- Exemplary citizenship, presentation and professionalism.

Presented in March each year. Donor: Professional Advantage.

Certificate IV in Business Excellence Award

Awarded to an outstanding Certificate IV in Business student each year. Overall excellence shall be determined according to the following criteria:

- Quality of performance in all areas of the course.
- Diligence and positive attitude to studies and where applicable, quality of service in work experience.
- Relationship to peers, lecturers and College personnel.
- Exemplary citizenship, presentation and professionalism.

Donor: Sanitarium Health Food Company. \$750.

Certificate III in Business Excellence Award

Awarded to an outstanding Certificate III in Business student in each year. Overall excellence shall be determined according to the following criteria:

- Quality of performance in all areas of the course.
- Diligence and positive attitude to studies and where applicable, quality of service in work experience.
- Relationship to peers, lecturers and College personnel.
- Exemplary citizenship, presentation and professionalism.

Donor: Kincare. \$500.

Education

Bachelor of Education (Primary) Award for Excellence in Teaching

Presented to a Primary Education graduand. Nominees for this award will have demonstrated:

- Effort and skill in the preparation of teaching resources.
- The capacity to create a learning environment that is both stimulating and intellectually rewarding.
- The capacity to present and model Avondale's values for faith and Christian education in an attractive and persuasive manner.
- A professional approach to teaching and the capacity to maintain all relationships in a mature and responsible manner.

Donor: New Zealand Pacific Union Conference. \$500.

Secondary Education Award for Excellence in Teaching

Presented to a Secondary Education graduand. Nominees for this award will have demonstrated:

- Effort and skill in the preparation of teaching resources.
- The capacity to create a learning environment that is both stimulating and intellectually rewarding.
- The capacity to present and model Avondale's values for faith and Christian education in an attractive and persuasive manner.
- A professional approach to teaching and the capacity to maintain all relationships in a mature and responsible manner.

Donor: Australian Union Conference. \$500.

Lifestyle Education, Visual Arts & Graphic Design

Australian Council for Health, Physical Education & Recreation Tertiary Student Health and Physical Education Award

Available to a third or fourth year graduating student who has studied in the areas of health education, physical education, sport, recreation, dance, movement science or community fitness. Only one student may be nominated and selected from each department of a tertiary institution each calendar year. The following considerations are taken into account in nominating a student for the award:

- The award is not based on academic excellence alone but by evidence of professional interest and aptitude shown by the student which is worthy of encouragement.
- The student is likely to benefit from the encouragement and recognition.
- ACHPER requests an opportunity to speak to all students when presenting the award about the benefits of joining ACHPER, the purpose and mission of the Council and the importance of a strong, vibrant membership.
- If for whatever reason ACHPER believes the nomination to be unsatisfactory, ACHPER will retain the right not to present the award to a student of the institution in the given year.

Donor: Australian Council for Health, Physical Education & Recreation (ACHPER). Certificate plus 12 months membership of ACHPER.

Institute of Technology Education Medallion

An engraved medallion struck in copper, plus a year's membership of the Institute. Presented to outstanding graduates of Technology Education courses in universities and colleges. Criteria:

- Academic performance over the first seven semesters of the course with particular attention to the student's Industrial Technology subjects.
- The level of professional development demonstrated by the student in preparation as a technology educator.
- The award may not necessarily be given every year if no suitable candidate exists.
- The award is not necessarily limited to one student in any particular year.
- The recipient must have completed at least 60 credit points towards their degree at Avondale College to be eligible for the award.

**Hunter Technology Education Association
Excellence Award in Home Economics/Design
and Technology Education**
\$100.

**Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation Excellence
Award**

Presented to an outstanding Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation student. Overall excellence will be determined according to the following criteria:

- Demonstration of a high degree of skill and professionalism in the areas of canoeing, kayaking, abseiling and bushwalking.
- Diligence and positive attitude to studies and quality of service in work experience.
- Relationship to peers, lecturers and College personnel.
- Exemplary citizenship, presentation, integrity and spiritual sensitivity.

Donor: Outdoor Life Group. \$250.

**Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation Leadership
Award**

Presented to an outstanding Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation student. Overall excellence will be determined according to the demonstration of:

- A high degree of skill and professionalism in the leading of outdoor pursuits.
- Diligence and positive attitude to studies and quality of service in work experience.
- Relationship to peers, lecturers and College personnel.
- Exemplary citizenship, presentation, integrity and spiritual sensitivity.

Donor: Mountain Designs, Newcastle. \$250.

Creative Arts Contribution

The Avondale Financial and Business Service Office makes available \$500 each year to purchase a work of art by a graduating student. Presented by the Visual Arts staff on the evening of the graduating student art exhibition.

Nursing

Academic Excellence Prize

Clinical Excellence Prize

Medical Nursing Award/Physicians' Prize

Surgical Nursing Award/Surgeons' Prize

Robert Gill/Ian Thew Memorial Prize

**Award for Consistent Effort and
Accomplishment**

**Mental Health Nursing Award for Clinical
Excellence**

**Mental Health Nursing Award for Academic
Excellence**

**Mental Health Nursing Award for Excellence in
Mental Health Nursing**

Science

**Bachelor of Science Award for Academic
Excellence**

Awarded to a graduating Bachelor of Science student. One award per year. Minimum standard: potential graduation with credit. Donor: Bob Kalaf Pharmacy. \$250.

Theology

Clifford Anderson Bursary Award

Awarded to the most outstanding Theology student. Criteria: Academic strength, leadership, personal qualities and suitability to ministry. \$1000.

Graham Miller Memorial Award

Awarded to the most promising final-year student who shows aptitude for youth work (academic abilities not to be part of the consideration). \$1000.

Bill Marr Institute of Evangelism Award

Presented to a Theology student who demonstrates the goals of the institute. Donor: South Pacific Division of the SDA Church. \$1000

Arthur Ferch Prize for Hebrew Studies

Donors: Carole Ferch-Johnson and sons. \$1000.

Graeme Scott Memorial Gift Vouchers

ABC gift vouchers given to all Theology undergraduates applying for employment in ministry.