

RECOGNISING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE GUIDELINES

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1. Purpose

Asia Pacific International College (APIC) recognises student academic achievement through the award of various certificates, prizes and medals. These guidelines describe the different levels of recognition of student academic excellence, their criteria and the nature of award.

2. Awards and Prizes

Student nominees for the following awards and prizes in recognition of academic excellence are recommended by the Board of Examiners and approved by the Academic Board.

For the purposes of determining awards and prizes, the measure of 'academic excellence' used is students' cumulative Grade Point Average (refer Award of Grades Policy).

Students may be eligible for multiple awards and prizes subject to their meeting the relevant criteria for each award and/or prize as specified below.

2.1 Graduation 'With Distinction' and 'With High Distinction'

Graduands may graduate 'With Distinction' or 'With High Distinction' from APIC undergraduate degrees and postgraduate coursework masters degrees.

To be eligible to graduate 'With Distinction' as an undergraduate or postgraduate student, the student must:

- be a graduand of an undergraduate bachelor course offered by APIC of at least three years duration, or of a one to two year postgraduate course work degree offered by APIC;
- have completed at APIC at least half of the credit points required for the course from which they are eligible to graduate; and
- have achieved a Grade Point Average equivalent to a Distinction average across all units of study completed at APIC.

To be eligible to graduate 'With High Distinction' as an undergraduate or postgraduate student, the student must:

- be a graduand of an undergraduate bachelor course offered by APIC of at least three years duration, or of a one to two year postgraduate course work degree offered by APIC;
- have completed at APIC at least half of the credit points required for the course from which they are eligible to graduate; and
- have achieved a Grade Point Average equivalent to a High Distinction average across all units of study completed at APIC.

2.2 Dean's List

The Dean's List will be recognised once annually for all eligible Year 1 and Year 2 undergraduate students.

To be eligible for recognition on the Dean's List, a Year 1 or Year 2 undergraduate student must:

- be enrolled in an undergraduate bachelor course offered by APIC of at least three years duration;
- be of 'good standing' (i.e. have no academic or other encumbrances);
- have completed at least eight units of study at APIC during the year for which the Dean's List is being recognised and;
- be in the top 2% (on the basis of Grade Point Average) of enrolled students in their course.

Dean's List recipients will each receive a signed certificate and a book voucher to the value of AUD100 in recognition of their achievement.

2.3 Dean's Scholars

Dean's Scholars will be recognised upon graduation for all eligible undergraduate and postgraduate students.

To be eligible for recognition as a Dean's Scholar an undergraduate or postgraduate student, the student must:

- be a graduand of an undergraduate bachelor course offered by APIC of at least three years duration, or of a one to two year postgraduate course work degree offered by APIC;
- have completed at APIC at least half of the credit points required for the course from which they are eligible to graduate;
- have achieved a Grade Point Average equivalent to a Distinction average across all units of study completed at APIC; and
- be in the top 2% (on the basis of Grade Point Average) of graduating students in their course.

Dean's Scholars recipients will each receive a signed certificate and a pre-paid credit card to the value of AUD500 in recognition of their achievement.

2.4 Dean's Medal

The Dean's Medal will be recognised upon graduation for the top ranking student (on the basis of Grade Point Average) in each course for which there is a graduating cohort. In the event that two or more students are identified as having identical highest Grade Point Averages, the student with the highest average mark overall will be awarded the Dean's Medal.

To be eligible for recognition as a Dean's Medallist an undergraduate or postgraduate student, the student must:

- be a graduand of an undergraduate bachelor course offered by APIC of at least three years duration, or of a one to two year postgraduate course work degree offered by APIC;
- have achieved a Grade Point Average equivalent to at least a Distinction average across all units of study completed at APIC; and
- have completed at APIC at least half of the credit points required for the course from which they are eligible to graduate.

Dean's Medal recipients will each receive a medal and a pre-paid credit card to the value of AUD500 in recognition of their achievement.

3. Suspensions

These Guidelines supersede the following:

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