



Arts Honours Tie Qualification Document

Preamble:

Involvement in the Arts is an extremely important part of life at Sacred Heart College. For over 100 years, students have excelled in many facets, and we have always prided ourselves at turning out confident, well-rounded men.

An Arts Tie, conceived in 2004 is a prestigious award that is given to senior students who have been involved in the Arts at the highest level over many years. While the best sports performers receive Sports Caps, we feel that it is more beneficial for Arts students to be awarded something that they can use every time they wear their school formals. It is an honour, and the boys who gain these understand this.

They are not given to just anybody. Their involvements have to be numerous and always at the highest level possible. They should deserve the recognition, and a set of criteria has been drawn up to provide a firm basis for selection. This should not deter students just because their specific field is not given direct mention, but should serve to give them a challenge – a challenge to succeed, and take their place as a recognised leader amongst their peers in the arts.

Criteria:

1. Arts Ties will be given to students in Years 12 and 13 only.
2. The student has to have made a significant contribution to one or more of the major arts in the college:
 - **Visual Arts**
 - **Music**
 - **Drama**
 - **Dance**
 - **Debating**
 - **Public Speaking**
 - **Media**
 - **Creative Writing**

Other areas may be considered should they arise

3. Students **MUST** have:
 - Consistently performed at a high level in their field(s) of artistic endeavour within the school, over several years

Additionally, they can:

- Have achieved a success that is recognised within the Auckland region

AND/OR

- Have achieved a success that is recognised at a national/international level

AND/OR

- Have the support of two or more HODs from English, Media Studies, Art & Music

Examples include: Play It Strange Singer/Songwriter Competition Top 50 Finalist; work published in the College Herald; Smokefree Rockquest Finalists; Regional Debating; Various Film Festivals; Walter Kirby Winner etc.

4. Students qualifying under the music stream need to be in a school music group

Examples include: bands, choirs, orchestras, groups or School musical productions