

## Junior Prizegiving 2021 – Special Prize Citations

### **Junior Dux (Girls)**

This award is also known as the Newton Wickham CBE Scholarship of Excellence.

This year's Girls' Junior Dux came to us from Balmoral Intermediate School. She was placed in our top-stream class in 2020 and took our accelerated course in Mathematics, sitting Level Two at the end of last year. She has 22 NCEA credits in Level Two Mathematics and 23 at Level One. She has Excellence endorsements in both.

In her core subjects she scored 400/400 last year in the first semester.

**The Girls' Junior Dux for 2021 is Ciara Anand.**

### **Junior Dux (Boys)**

This award is also known as the Newton Wickham CBE Scholarship of Excellence. This year's Boys' Junior Dux came to us from Ponsonby Intermediate School. He was placed in our top-stream class in 2020 and took our accelerated course in Mathematics, sitting Level Two at the end of last year. He has 48 credits at Level One and 22 at Level Two. Last year he also took 20 credits from Level One Chinese and Japanese papers.

In his core subjects he scored 400/400 last year in the first semester.

**The Boys' Junior Dux for 2021 is Jonathon Yu.**

### **Best All-Round Year 10 Boy**

Today's recipient for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 10 is an outstanding young man who is to be congratulated on his commitment to involvement and excellence across all Pillars of Mount Albert Grammar School. He represents MAGS and our values with respect and maturity.

Staff and students comment on this student's high level of positive engagement and enthusiasm for learning and extending himself into all areas of MAGS life.

Within the Sports Pillar, last year he was part of the MAGS Football program and was a valuable member of the 14 Victory team and the 15th Grade Knockout Cup side. He played Futsal for the school and represented MAGS at the NZ Secondary School Futsal tournament. In 2021 he also represented MAGS at the Central Zone Athletics championship.

Within the Arts and Cultural Pillar, the recipient has been a valued member of the Spoken Word Club: Word The Frontline, and also Junior debating. This winner is also to be commended for his contribution to the Service Pillar of MAGS. He has been part of the Interact service group, SADD, Relay For Life and the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze programme.

Whilst being involved in so many aspects of MAGS extra-curricular life, the recipient of this award also achieved Excellence in his Academic program. He competed in the Science Fair, winning the People's Choice award and attended the Science Bowl event. He has also gained 60 Level 1 NCEA credits (38 at Excellence level) through NCEA Mathematics and Science exams.

**The winner of the Ah Kuoi Cup For the Best All-Round Boy in Year 10 is Ryan Shen.**

### **Best All-Round Year 10 Girl**

The recipient of the Best All-Round Girl in Year 10 is a young woman who exemplifies the MAGS values, in both her contribution to our school and in the excellence of her achievements.

Staff and students comment on this student's high level of positive engagement and enthusiasm for learning. This young woman is to be congratulated on her commitment to excellence and involvement across all pillars of Mount Albert Grammar School.

The recipient of this award has achieved Excellence in her Academic program. She competed in the Auckland Science Fair and has gained 39 NCEA credits, all of these at Excellence level.

Her academic success is equally matched by her sporting talents. She has competed for MAGS in Orienteering and is a member of our 1st XI Hockey Team.

Her service to the school is demonstrated through being a Year 10 Interform Captain, a member of the Interact Club and involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

This student has also contributed to our cultural pillar as a standout member of the Junior Dance Performance group.

**The winner of the 2021 Old Boys Association Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 10 is Rosa Fox.**

### **Top Year 9 Girls Academic**

Last year's girls' winner gained 394 grad points out of 400 and was a member of the MTA class, sitting NCEA Level One Mathematics. She gained 16 excellence credits and four learning recognition credits in NCEA: the maximum possible.

In her core subjects she gained first place in Science and second in English and Social Studies.

**The winner of the highest academic award for girls is Ava Poynter.**

### **Top Year 9 Boys Academic**

Last year's boys' winner gained 395 grad points out of 400 and gained second places for Social Studies and Science in his class. He gained Excellence for all assessments in these subjects as well as Excellence in all his academic subjects listed on his report. He was also involved in Spoken Word.

**The winner of the highest academic award for boys is Felix Knight.**

### **Best All-Round Year 9 Boy**

Today's recipient is an outstanding young man who is to be congratulated on his excellent commitment and involvement across all Pillars of Mount Albert Grammar School.

Staff and students comment on this student's high level of positive engagement and enthusiasm for learning. He extends himself into all areas of MAGS life and that is why he is to be congratulated today.

Within the Sports Pillar, this student was a valuable member of the MAGs under 14A Rugby team, which finished second in their Auckland rugby campaign. He was the sports

representative of his mentor class, a member of the MAGS Junior Rowing Academy and was competitive in both the school athletics and swimming sports.

Within the Arts and Cultural Pillar, he is a member of our PUNA unit and has regularly given service to our school through presenting the karakia at the boys morning assemblies. This student was one of the few Year 9 students to be selected for the MAGS Kapa Haka group. They placed 8th in the top division and he will no doubt be a key member of that group for years to come.

Whilst being involved in many aspects of MAGS extra-curricular life, the recipient of this award also achieved Excellence for his Academic year. His success not only showing through his in-class testing results but also in his PBU efforts, achieving a 4.8 average score across the online learning period.

This student has made a dedicated and all-round excellent contribution across all pillars of MAGS life.

**The winner of the Hutton Cup For the Best All-Round Boy in Year 9 for 2021 is Jarom Rowell**

### **Best All Round Year 9 Girl**

This award recognises a student that has excelled across all four MAGS pillars – of academia, arts, sports and service.

This student has achieved great academic success, with 95% of all assessments obtained at a Merit or higher. They have consistently demonstrated their personal best, averaging a PBU of 4.7 across the year. They have also achieved a high degree of sporting success, representing the school in netball, water polo, cross country and swimming, for which they were named Junior Champion and received a Sports Lion.

This student has also represented the school in the Arts, and was part of the award-winning MAGS MegaCrew that placed third in last year's National Competition.

In addition to these very impressive accomplishments, this student also served the community by taking part in Relay for Life and within MAGS, they served as both Form Class Rep and Year Level Rep.

**The award for the Best All-Round Year 9 Girl for 2021 goes to Khalen Quensell.**

### **Junior Dux Artium**

The recipient of the Junior Dux Artium trophy for 2021 is a student who has demonstrated a dedication to the school across all pillars, however he has shown special talent in and love for the Arts. This can be seen in the breadth of his involvement in both Year 9 and 10.

In Year 10 he was a student of Music, Dance and Drama. In Drama, he was an extension student gaining 17 credits at Merit or above in NCEA Level 1, also achieving all other Year 10 Arts credits at Merit or above.

He was a member of the Junior debating team who won 7/10 of their debates in 2021, had a significant part in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare team, and was also active in Theatresports, Spoken Word Club and the Musical Theatre Group.

Also in 2021 he auditioned for and was selected for the Centennial Boys Choir who enjoyed a huge success at the Big Sing Auckland competition and was selected to go to the national finals, which unfortunately they could not attend because of Covid lockdown.

This young man has been twice awarded a Junior Arts badge for his commitment to the Arts and this year has also been chosen as the Most Promising Male Actor in the Junior School. As well this year, he creates another first in Junior Arts – he is the first person to be awarded the Junior Dux Artium in both Year 9 and 10 .

**The Junior Dux Artium for 2021 is Ryan Antia.**

### **Junior Victor Ludorum**

The 2021 winner of Junior Victor Ludorum has competed in two Premier sports at MAGS. He has been part of the Hockey Academy for two years and played in the Boys 1st XI Hockey side in 2021.

He was also part of the Rowing Academy in Years 9 and 10 and won a Bronze medal at Maadi in 2021. He won 4 medals at Auckland Champs, and coaches have said he is an integral member of the rowing squad.

**The 2021 winner of the Junior Victor Ludorum is Fraser MacGillivray.**

### **Junior Victrix Ludorum**

This allrounder has contributed to four MAGS sports in years 9 and 10 and had earned her Sports Lion in Year 9.

She was part of the Girls Junior A Football team who was called up to the 1st XI Girls to play as goalie for a game, and played Netball in a top team both years.

She was named MAGS Junior Athletics Throws Champion in 2020 and Intermediate Champion in 2021.

For the Girls 1st XI Cricket team, she led the batting stats last year and received the Most Valuable player and Top Batter award. She also played in the NZ Maori Secondary Schools team and has played in the women's Auckland A team for cricket.

**The 2021 winner of the Junior Victrix Ludorum is Anika Todd.**

### **The Paul Gardner Cup for Service for Year 10 Boys**

Service at MAGS is held in very high regard as it is giving of yourself and your time to help make MAGS a better place for other people. Our school would not be the amazing place, with all the valuable opportunities, without the acts of service from our students.

Today's recipient for the Year 10 Boys' Service Award is a dedicated and mature student who is impressive in his contribution to helping others and serving the MAGS Community. Last year, in 2021, he made significant contributions to the school through his involvement and work in the Student Academic Council, the Interact Group, and the SADD Committee.

He was a Digital Leader, a Librarian, and a Technology Leader. The recipient was also involved in the Relay for Life and worked on his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. He gave service to his mentor class as Class Rep and to the Year 10 group as a Level Representative. Throughout the year, he also supported and helped other students through the arts program via the Musical Theatre Group, the Spoken Word group, Sheilah Winn Shakespeare, Debating and the Big Sing Boys' Choir.

This student has contributed an outstanding amount of service to Mount Albert Grammar School: to help support our students and the groups within our school.

**The winner of the Paul Gardner Cup For Service, in Year 10 (2021) is Ryan Antia.**

#### **The Paul Gardner Cup for Service for Year 10 Girls**

The student awarded this cup has fully immersed herself in the MAGS Community and epitomises what it means to give generously to the school and our wider community. In 2021, she gave her time and energy to several areas of our school. She was a Librarian and a dedicated member of the Interact Club. She contributed to the Academic Council, Students Against Driving Dangerously and Relay for Life. She was her class representative and worked alongside the SPICE organisation – a group in Sandringham that volunteers in the community.

Throughout the year, she also supported and helped other students within co-curricular groups such as the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare, Theatresports, Debating and the Indian cultural group.

In 2021 she was recognised for showing outstanding commitment to serving her fellow students, the school and the community by being awarded a Service Lion.

Her dedication to the school is outstanding and her commitment to service is an inspiration to others.

**The winner of the 2021 Paul Gardner Cup for Service in Year 10 is Nishka Arora.**