

# THE AWARDING OF ACADEMIC COLOURS AT RBHS

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This policy is reviewed on a regular basis by the Academic Management Team to keep it in line with criteria and policies at similar schools and to ensure that fairness prevails. Criteria may therefore change from time to time.

## Introduction:

- Academics is one of four areas of excellence that are recognised at Rondebosch Boys' High School for awarding school colours.
- These awards are made in recognition of academic excellence in exams set by and written at Rondebosch Boys' High School.
- A candidate may be awarded Academic Colours from the end of his Grade 10 year.
- A candidate may receive colours awards in as many disciplines as he qualifies for, but may only wear four scrolls under his badge.
- A Prefect may wear the "Prefect" scroll under any badge in addition to the maximum scrolls as described in the previous paragraph.

## Academic Colours Committee composition:

The Academic Colours Committee shall consist of the Academic Management Team with a Chairperson nominated by the Headmaster, and/or the Deputy Headmaster.

## Meeting Frequency:

The committee shall meet on three occasions:

1. After the Mid-year examinations for Grade 12.
2. After the Trial examinations for Grade 12.
3. After the Final examinations for Grades 10 and 11.

## Procedures:

- Awards are made based on academic results after the above-mentioned examinations in subjects examined by Rondebosch Boys' High School.
- An aggregate mark will be calculated using the following:
  - English Home Language.
  - Afrikaans First Additional Language OR isiXhosa First Additional Language.
  - Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy
  - The next three subjects (excluding Life Orientation) with the highest marks.
- Should a candidate miss an exam in any subject that is used to calculate his aggregate, he does not qualify for Academic Awards for that exam.
- The Academic Colours Committee will make final decisions after which the final list of nominations will be forwarded to the Deputy Headmaster, who will inform the Headmaster and staff.
- The awards are made in assembly as soon after the meeting as possible.

## Colours Display:

- **Colours:**
  - The wearing of the Colours badge
  - Normal scroll in Fletcher Blue with Gold writing



- **Honours:**

- The wearing of the Colours badge
- Normal scroll in Fletcher Blue with Marchand Blue edging and Gold writing



- **Distinctions:**

- The wearing of the Colours badge with Laurels
- Normal scroll in Marchand Blue with Gold writing



## ACADEMIC CRITERIA

- **Colours** are awarded to a candidate:
  - in Grade 10 who:
    - achieved an aggregate of 510 (85%) or higher.
  - in Grade 11 and 12 who:
    - achieved an aggregate of 480 (80%) or higher.
- **Honours** are awarded to a candidate:
  - in Grade 10 who:
    - achieved an aggregate of 540 (90%) or higher.
  - in Grade 11 and 12 who:
    - achieved an aggregate of 510 (85%) or higher.
- **Distinctions** are awarded to a candidate:
  - in Grade 11 and 12 who:
    - achieved an aggregate of 540 (90%) or higher. *An addition to the awarding of Academic Distinction would be the wearing of the Academic Tie*
  - **NOTE:** Grade 10 learners do not qualify for Distinction.