



**BURNSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL**
TE KURA O WAIMAIRI-HI

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Special Awards

Burnside High School Senior Graduation and Prizegiving

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Special Awards for 2022

1. The **Burnside High School Cup for Leadership in Technical Arts**. This student has been a keen and enthusiastic member of the crew since Year 9, and his enquiring nature and ability to learn were evident early on. His quiet disposition and ability to lead by example have been an excellent example ever since. The **Burnside High School Cup for Leadership in Technical Arts** in 2022 goes to **Matthew Graham**.
2. The recipient of the **Lite Site Award** goes to a student who was a quiet reserved junior but has matured into a highly conscientious and thoroughly reliable lighting specialist and team member. **Felix Halford**.
3. The **Brightlights Cup for Excellence in Stagecraft** is awarded to a student who has been involved with the Tech Crew since Year 12. This year he has proved to be a key member of the senior Tech Crew in all areas of stagecraft. The recipient is **Samuel Kennedy**.
4. The **Burnside High School Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Dance** is awarded to **Annelise Tan**
5. The **1976 School Council Cup for Contribution to Drama** is awarded to **Ollianda Clinton**.

After significant debate among the Music staff, the winners of the final cups are unable to be separated. Therefore, this year we will award these cups together. These two recipients have contributed to a wide range of ensembles having won multiple awards, throughout their time at Burnside. They have both been in the SMP Jazz for five years, and between them they contribute to

multiple ensembles and groups. Together having won many awards for Big Band, and Chamber Music, Separately they have achieved recognition in Orchestra, Percussion ensemble, Jazz Combos and Funk Band. While one won the best combo drummer at JazzQuest, the other was awarded Best Drum Solo at JazzBandit. The winners of the **Smokefree Cup for Leadership- in Music** and the **Peter Rowe Cup** in 2022 are **Sho Woodhouse** and **Dylan Blundell**

6. The Award for **Outstanding Contribution to Performing Arts** goes to **Lily Burt**.
7. The **HUGH MCDOUGALL RANKIN EDUCATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP for SCIENCE** was set up to encourage young people to advance their interest in Science. This year's recipient has placed 2nd in Chemistry and 3rd in Physics and 9th in Biology and she will be pursuing a career in Engineering. **This scholarship valued at \$3 500.**

The recipient of this scholarship is Emma Gibson

Emma is also the recipient of the **Turner Cup for Service to the Library**. In her role as the Tuesday Team Leader, she has built a reliable and functional team around her and approached her work with passion and dedication. She has been a fantastic role-model for the younger students she has worked with.

8. The **DAVID GIVEN ENVIRONMENTAL TROPHY** for 2022 is awarded to a student who has shown leadership, commitment and passion for environmental issues and has been a regular worker in the Burnside High School Environment Group whilst inspiring scores of future young environmentalists - **Eimi Hongo**
9. The **Mechatronics Cup for Robotics** from the **University of Canterbury** is awarded to **Alex Rickard**.

10. **Service to School - Hospitality**

Dylan has done approximately 500 hours of service over the last few years. He has been involved with every catering event held at the school during this time which has often meant very early starts and late finishes. He has acted as a student Foods Technician and Classroom Assistant and has grown in this role over the last couple of years to become a highly valued student member of the Food and Textiles Department. Dylan is passionate about cooking and all things Hospitality related and has demonstrated sound skills in food preparation and event organization. He is enrolled at ARA to do a level 4 National Certificate in Cookery next year while seeking employment in the hospitality industry. In recognition of Dylan's dedication and service, he receives a Chefs knife and small equipment kit in preparation for his culinary studies next year. Well done

Dylan Merkin

11. Our next award goes to a talented writer. This winter, she submitted her poem, **The Price of the Taniwha**, to the **Voices of the Planet Competition**. This platform gave her the opportunity to record her poem for the website and more recently, to be aired on Plains FM. We are sure to read and hear more of Josi's wonderful poetry in the future.

The **Suzanne Hay Cup for Creative Writing** in 2022 is awarded to **Josi Hamill**.

12. For his committed and dedicated work as the **BoT Student Representative** over the course of 2022, **Dev Pandya** receives the **Board of Trustees Award**.
13. For her exceptional work as a Māori leader this year having hosted whānau evenings at school and acting as an excellent role-model in the school community, the **Te Taonga Roopu Reipa Prize for Tikanga** is **Taylah Peek** – tino pai e hoa...

14. The **Burnside High School Award for Outstanding Achievement in Sport** goes to a student who has represented the school in Rhythmic Gymnastics, and to top off her busy year of competing, both for school and NZ overseas, she was selected in the Commonwealth Games team to travel to Birmingham last term. Paris received a first placing in the Senior International grade at the Canterbury and NZ Secondary Schools' Championships and placed 12th overall at the Commonwealth Games.
- Paris is also a finalist for a prestigious Zonta Sports Award, in the category of "Most Outstanding Individual Achievement by a young Sportswoman specialising in one sport" for 2022 **Paris Chin**.
15. **The Christine Clothier Cup for Sportswoman of the Year - Taylah Holdem and Rosa Vesty** are members of the Senior Girls 'A' Volleyball team, who won the Mainland Champs (also known as the South Islands) early in March this year, before Covid caused the Canterbury and NZ Secondary Schools' Championships to be cancelled or postponed. They were also about to represent Burnside High School in the Canterbury and NZ Beach Volleyball Championships, when Covid again cancelled these events in February. They both were selected for the NZ Junior Womens' Volleyball team, who played a test series against Australia last term, and for Beach Volleyball, they represented Canterbury and NZ this year. They have been, and currently are, coaching junior girls' teams in both Terms 1 and 4. Over Labour weekend, the Senior Girls 'A' Volleyball team won the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Girls Championships, which was re-scheduled from Term 1's postponement.
- For 2023, Taylah has been awarded a Volleyball scholarship to Michigan State University, USA, and Rosa has been awarded a Beach Volleyball scholarship to Florida State University, USA.
- Taylah and Rosa, representing Beach Volleyball, are finalists for a Zonta Sports

Award, in the category of “Most Outstanding Team of young Sportswomen” .

16. The **Prime Minister's Award for Vocational Excellence** is a relatively new award available to our students. The purpose of this award is to encourage young people into vocational education and training. It comes with a \$2 000 prize.

This student has demonstrated a high degree of commitment to the development of skills in the area of Cookery and Baking. She spends a great deal of time assisting in the Food and Nutrition Department at school and has shown a desire to pursue a career in cookery. The work she does always exceeds expectations and she is always willing to learn new skills. The maturity she displays in all aspects of her work will see her do well with her future aspirations in this area. **The recipient of this award is McKenzie Oliver**

17. The **CROSS CUP for STRENGTH of CHARACTER** was donated by the family of the late Jim Cross, the founding Principal of our school. This cup recognises a student who has shown strength of character and resilience while attending Burnside High School.

In 2022, the **CROSS CUP** is awarded to a student who has remained focussed on their goals and despite difficulties has achieved them and is poised to continue a career in Visual Arts. **Ezra Lewis**

18. We have awards for our **2022 Head Students**: These four students have worked incredibly well as a team this year in the face of masks, ongoing restrictions and every increasing time in front of live-streaming cameras. They have been outstanding leaders, demonstrating the school's values in everything they have done:

- DEPUTY HEAD PREFECT – **Aarya Advilkar**
- DEPUTY HEAD PREFECT – **Taylah Peek**
- HEAD PREFECT – **Lily Burt**
- HEAD PREFECT – **Dylan Blundell**

The NOELINE CLARK SCHOLARSHIPS for GENERAL EXCELLENCE are provided by a charitable trust set up by Miss Noeline Clark, a former Divisional Principal of our school, and her brother Dick.

The **TEN** awards we have generously been granted this year, each of **\$5,000**, recognise Academic Excellence as well as Character and Contribution to the life of the school in sports, arts, leadership and service.

The scholarships are awarded to assist students undertaking their first year of tertiary study at Canterbury University.

In 2022, the recipients of the Noeline Clark Scholarships are:

- **Aarya Advilkar**
- **Paris Chin**
- **Hayley Escott**
- **Tim Fisher-Taylor**
- **Rebecca Hancock**
- **Carol Khor**
- **Braden Sole**
- **Cole Stevens**
- **Jhetro Vilorio**
- **Sho Woodhouse**

There are TWO General Excellence Awards for Year 13 Students

This year, the **Christine Bull Cup** for **General Excellence** is awarded to a student who has had a massively successful year in her studies earning grades exclusively at Excellence Level in her favoured subjects of **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus** and **Music**. She is entered in 3 scholarship subjects in the upcoming NCEA examinations and I am sure she will add yet another Excellence endorsement to her impressive record. Throughout her time at Burnside High School she has had a wide involvement in extracurricular and service activities mostly in the area of music where she is a member of the Funk Band as an accomplished bass player and in the Library where she has been a dedicated team leader. Earlier this week, she was awarded the **Principals Cup for Excellence in Contemporary or Commercial Music**. Other involvement even extends to playing Netball and Cricket as a junior student. She is incredibly well-thought of by her friend group and has consistently given back to the school over her 5 years here including being a motivated member of the Staff Support Prefect Team this year.

Emma Gibson is the recipient of the **CHRISTINE BULL CUP for General Excellence**.

The second of these is the **Arnold Foley Award for General Excellence**.

This student has an enormous profile in the school and it is rare to find a person who deliberately makes himself as busy as possible with involvement in the widest range of activities I have ever encountered. He is a long-standing member of our Kapa Haka ropu, he has represented Burnside at Hockey, Powerlifting, Basketball, Softball, Debating, Chess and Theatresports and is on almost every council imaginable and this year was the **Board of Trustees Student Representative**. To top this off, he has this year completed the requirements for a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award which was presented to him yesterday. This student's levels of volunteer work around the school and in the community are unsurpassed and he truly lives by his well-established values. Academically, this student is outstanding and with an excess of 200 credits at excellence level, it is unsurprising that he has already been the recipient of a first place cup this evening. He is entered in 3 Scholarship examinations and with everything he does, I am sure he will give that his all.

The recipient of the ARNOLD FOLEY CUP for General Excellence in 2022 is Dev Pandya

Proxime Accessit

Our Proxime Accessit for 2022 is an exceptional student who has been described as someone who always meets and regularly exceeds work quality expectations. When I look at their academic record, the massive range of superlatives used to describe their attitude and approach to learning is understandable.

Their Primary school record lists at least 94 activities and achievements in their learning record – many of these are competitions at International Level and include the words **Champion** or **Distinction** against the result. Activities at this level also include **Story Telling, Ballroom Dancing** and **playing the piano**, and she had her first novel published in 2017. Unsurprisingly, her school report at this stage had a grade of A for every subject.

Beginning Burnside High School as a Year 10 student she immediately signed up as a librarian and involved herself in Archery, Badminton and Surfing. Her academic talent at this point was evident as she took first place in **Science, English, Mathematics, Digital Technologies** and **Business, Economics and Accounting** as well as the **General Excellence Award for South Division** for the next three years!

Her academic prowess is supreme and is characterised by a real sense of purpose in everything that she does and she is the kind of person whose actions are for the benefit of others with her being further described by teachers as loyal, genuine, empathetic and fair.

This year she has represented Burnside High Schools Premiere Badminton Team and she has been a driving force amongst the Academic Leadership Group. On top of this and an incredibly busy program of study, she has spent time on a research program with the University of Otago at Christchurch Hospital investigating advancements in cancer treatment. Her work in this area earned her the Prime Minister's Te Puiaki Kaipūtaiao Ānamata Future Scientist Prize valued at \$50 000. Her work also won her acclaim during

the recent holidays where she was invited to present her findings along with other undergraduate students winning a Royal College of Australasia Pathology Award. Currently she has the opportunity to continue her education at the University of Canterbury, or Auckland, or Otago and has received sizeable scholarship offers from all, however is not ruling out a place at Cambridge University.

This student has, in 2022, navigated a formidable workload and **still come out the other side as close to the top as you can get**. Tonight she has received awards for **FIRST PLACE** in **Physics** and **FIRST PLACE** in **Design and Visual Communication** and **Excellence** in **Biology, English** and **Chemistry**. We wish her well as she embarks on an exam program which includes an additional 8 Scholarship Subjects on top of her other subjects and looks to build on the total of **240 Excellence Credits** she already has.

Burnside High School Proxime Accessit Award and Medal for 2022: Carol Khor.

The PETER BRYANT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

...is awarded to the Dux of the school.

This is an annual award, established by the Board of Trustees, to acknowledge the outstanding contribution to Burnside High School of the late Dr Peter Bryant, in his role as the chairperson of the Board.

This year's Dux recipient attended **Russley School** and **Burnside Primary School**, where they displayed a wide range of skill, ability and intelligence across a wide range of areas. Early on at Burnside High School this student was identified as someone who **achieved amazing results across the board** with teachers describing them as a **dedicated and conscientious student** and someone who was "**bright and friendly**". Perhaps the only blemish that can be found might be in a hole in her knowledge of French Theatre genres where she mis-spelled the word **vaudeville** relegating her to 5th place in a national spelling bee in Year 10 – needless to say, that mistake will not be made again!

Musical talent has been a feature of this students younger years playing the piano and being described as "**an exceptionally musical child who plays effortlessly**". At Burnside, she was placed in a Performance Music Class and continued as a guitarist in the **Junior Guitar Ensemble**.

This student is also an accomplished **Badminton Player** who has represented Burnside High School every year and is currently the captain of the Girls Premiere A Team competing at the **South Island Secondary Schools Championships** for the past two years.

This student is humble and hugely appreciative of the work her teachers have done for her at this school and puts down her success across all subjects to "**hard work and dedication**" rather than a **natural talent** and she clearly lives by the same mantra as her older sister and that is "**Shoot for the moon – even if you miss you will end up in the stars**". This is exactly where she has ended with an **Excellence Endorsement** in every subject she has entered in NCEA amassing **274 Excellence credits**. She has been the

recipient of the **General Excellence Award for North Division** for the past three years with numerous first placings in subjects.

Her academic record this year is superior and the **41 NCEA credits** she has earned so far are exclusively at **Excellence level** and she is entered for no less than **7 Scholarship exams** on top of her other **SIX subjects**. We have already seen this student collect awards this evening including **First Place** in **Biology, English, Mathematics with Calculus and Spanish** and an **Excellence Award** for **Physics** and **Chemistry**. Currently this student has accepted a place at **Otago University** with a **\$30 000 scholarship** but is still entertaining options such as **Auckland University** where she has been offered a \$20 000 Scholarship or possibly a University in New South Wales. Wherever she lands she will be studying medicine and we are positive that in all of her endeavours, it **WILL BE** with great success.

Dux of the school and recipient of the Peter Bryant Memorial Award 2022 – please be upstanding for:

Janvi Puri