

St Mary's College Ipswich

2024 MERCY MEDALLION NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Purpose of Award

In 2015 the St Mary's Parents & Friends Association Gala Dinner Committee, in conjunction with St Mary's College Ipswich, instigated the St Mary's College Mercy Medallion with the recipient being awarded at the College's Long Lunch.

The Mercy Medallion aims to recognise a former student, or current/former member of the St Mary's College Community who has displayed and acted with a commitment, duty, or personal ethos that epitomizes the Mercy Tradition. At St Mary's College, the Mercy Tradition is built upon the core values of respect, integrity, compassion, courage, hospitality and wisdom founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1863. It is considered that the award winner's efforts and qualities will inspire and empower the current and future College community.

Structure of Award

The Mercy Medallion may be awarded to:

- One overall winner for the year
- More than one winner for the year decided at the discretion of the Judging Panel
- A Posthumous recipient

Recipients are only eligible to receive one Mercy Medallion.

Nominations

Nominations for the award may be submitted by members of St Mary's College and the wider community. For example, nominations may be submitted by:

- A current staff member of St Mary's College
- A current/past student at the College
- A current/past parent of the College
- A member of the St Mary's College Community
- A member of the wider community

Eligibility for Nomination

- Current/Former student/s
- Current/Former Parent/Guardian of student/s
- Families associated with the College
- Current/Former Staff Member/s
- An active member of the St Mary's College Community
- Medal may be awarded posthumously
- Male or female recipients

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Selection Process

A call for nominations will be made annually, with information being distributed at the beginning of Term 3 for the academic school year. A nomination form is provided at the end of this document. Nomination forms are also available from the St Mary's College reception: 07 3432 5444.

The nominations will be reviewed by the Mercy Medallion Judging Panel. Panel members include:

- College Principal
- College Deputy Principal
- Board Chair
- Member of the Gala Dinner Committee

All nominees will be notified of the judging panel's outcomes.

Unsuccessful nominees are eligible to apply in subsequent years.

Key Selection Criteria

All nominations will require a statement of support addressing the key selection criteria outlined below.

1. Demonstrated excellence in their field.
2. How the nominee's efforts and qualities will inspire and empower the current and future College community
3. Qualities and characteristics reflective of the Mercy Tradition.

Regard will be given to the nominee's current and past achievements, as well as to their contribution to their local and wider community.

The Judging Panel will also consider the following in assessing and comparing nominations against the above criteria:

- Personal, academic, and professional achievements
- Contribution in the relevant field (has the nominee 'put back' into their field to benefit others)
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation, and creativity
- Personal interests and community involvement
- Voluntary work beyond paid employment
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation
- Future goals and likely impact
- Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made

Nominations should be received by St Mary's College Ipswich no later than Monday 12th August 2024.

Nominations may be emailed or posted to The Principal, St Mary's College Ipswich:

- Email: lanam@stmarys.qld.edu.au
- Address: 11 Mary Street, Woodend Qld 4305

Award Presentation

The St Mary's College Mercy Medallion will be presented at the St Mary's College Long Lunch to be held on Saturday 14th September 2024. Award winner/s will be notified, and their presence requested as a guest of the College Principle at the dinner.

