

Pierre de Coubertin Awards

...blending sport, with culture and education...

Dear Principal,

On behalf of the Queensland Olympic Council we invite your school to participate in the 2017 Pierre de Coubertin Awards.

This year there are 2 options to nominate your student, online or by completing the enclosed nomination form. To access the online nomination tool please register at the Olympic Education website, education.olympics.com.au. Once registered, you will be able to nominate your student online using the Pierre de Coubertin nomination form.

The Awards, named after the founder of the modern Olympic Games, promote the importance of participation in sport and physical activity. They recognise students who demonstrate initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play through participation in a variety of sports, qualities which we are very familiar with, and are consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic movement.

Sport participation continues to play an important part in our lives and has assisted us to develop a whole range of life-long skills. Our successes, both on the international beach volleyball circuit and in the pool, are testament to the value and importance of these skills.

We invite you to select one student as your school's Pierre de Coubertin Award recipient for 2017. The student may be from Year 10, 11 or 12 and must meet the awards' criteria. The completed Recipient Nomination Form must be received at the Queensland Olympic Council by Friday 12 May 2017.

Having met the criteria, your Pierre de Coubertin recipient will no doubt be a valuable role model for the entire school community. The Award provides an ideal opportunity for you to acknowledge them.

Award recipients will each receive a certificate signed by Mr John Coates AC, President of the Australian Olympic Committee, and will be invited to receive their award at the official presentation ceremony to be held in Brisbane on Saturday 8 July 2017. Prior to the Ceremony each award recipient will have the unique opportunity to participate in the Leadership Program.

In 2017, Pierre de Coubertin Award nominated students have the opportunity to attend the Pierre de Coubertin International Youth Forum. Please see the coloured insert with this Nomination Pack for more information.

For further information about the awards, please contact Lisa Zoomers, Queensland Olympic Council by email at qoc@olympics.com.au or on telephone (07) 3121 6428, or visit the awards website online at education.olympics.com.au for more information.

Yours sincerely,



NATALIE COOK OAM

Olympian—1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012
President—Queensland Olympic Council
Olympic Gold and Bronze Medallist
Beach Volleyball



LARA DAVENPORT OAM

Olympian—2008
Chair—Education Commission Qld
Olympic Gold Medallist
Swimming

About the Awards

The acknowledged founder of the modern Olympics, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, was convinced that participation in physical activity played a significant role in developing the individual.

The Awards are designed to recognise students who demonstrate initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play through participation in a variety of sports in the competitive arena. These qualities are consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic Movement. The Awards provide your school with the opportunity to acknowledge your Award recipient.

The Pierre de Coubertin Awards strongly support physical education and sport in schools and promote a commitment to positive values. They aim to recognise good sportsmanship and not just elite performance.

Eligibility

Students eligible for the Award must:

- NOT have received the Pierre de Coubertin Award on a previous occasion;
- be enrolled in either Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2017; and
- meet the criteria for the Award.

Criteria

Sport Participation

At some stage during Years 7-12, the Award recipient must have represented the school, district or region as a participant in at least three sports in the competitive arena, demonstrating initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. One of those sports must be on the current Olympic program.

Literary or Artistic Work

The Award recipient must submit an original piece of literary OR artistic work, which illustrates their appreciation of the Olympic Movement.

Literary or Artistic works can include, but are not limited to, songs, poems, paintings or video footage of creative presentations.

Literary works should be a maximum of 2 typed A4 size pages.

Artistic works should be a maximum A2 size or equivalent in a 3D context.

Encourage your nominee to be creative with their submission. Artworks will be displayed and exceptional presentations, literary works and musical performances will be incorporated into the Presentation Ceremony on Saturday 8 July 2017 in Brisbane.



Sportsmanship by Caitlyn Sheehan, Marist College Emerald 2016 Recipient

*Do what you love,
Not what others say,
Always try your very best,
You never know when will be the day.*

*The day you compete for the win,
The day all your hard work is enough,
The day all your emotional days are gone,
They have been accomplished and you are now tough.*

*Tougher and stronger than ever,
Even if happens to be worse than others,
Keep your chin up,
Seek to learn from your sisters and brothers.*

*Become neither discouraged nor disheartened,
But instead persistent and dedicated,
I will be waiting at the finish line,
To witness a proud smile and all negative thoughts eradicated.*

*Look after your team mates, your competition,
If they are in need, be there,
Always be there to pick up someone when they are in trouble,
Be flexible, be able to be there anytime, anywhere.*

This is called SPORTSMANSHIP.



Awards Ceremony and Leadership Program

Certificates recognising Award recipients will be presented at the official 2017 Pierre de Coubertin Awards Ceremony in Brisbane on **Saturday 8 July 2017**. Prior to the Ceremony each award recipient will have the unique opportunity to participate in the Leadership Program.

Following the nomination closing date, all nominees and their schools will be notified on the outcome of their nomination. Successful nominees will also be forwarded details of the ceremony.

The certificates of students unable to attend will be mailed to their school for presentation at an appropriate occasion such as a school assembly or Awards night.

Nomination Closing Date

The Queensland Olympic Council must receive completed Award recipient information and literary or artistic works by **Friday 12 May 2017**.

Recipient Nomination Forms and supporting works must be sent to:

Queensland Olympic Council
PO Box 1020
Oxley Qld 4075
OR
qoc@olympics.com.au

Nomination Checklist

- Nomination form completed and signed by the Principal?
- Literary / artistic work completed and attached?
- Entry submitted no later than Friday 12 May 2017?

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle."

Baron Pierre de Coubertin

FAQ

Is the Pierre de Coubertin Award for elite sportspeople only?

No. The Pierre de Coubertin Award aims to recognise good sportsmanship and not just elite performance.

Is there just one overall winner of the Award?

No. Every student who is nominated and fulfils the criteria receives the Award from the Australian Olympic Committee.

Do the three sports have to be Olympic Sports?

Only one sport needs to be an Olympic sport. The other two sports can be any competitive sport. They can be, but are not limited to, swimming, athletics, cross country, hockey, tennis, soccer, rugby union, rugby league, AFL, archery, baseball, netball, basketball, rowing, fencing, diving etc. For a list of all sports on the current Olympic Program go to www.olympic.org/sports.

Can I nominate more than one student?

No. Only one student per school can be nominated for the Award each year.

How do I complete the Nominee's Sporting Achievements section on the Recipient Nomination Form?

Please limit response to the space provided and tick the relevant box. Space has also been provided for one concise sentence about the nominee's sporting highlight to date. Please discuss this with the nominee. If they are successful, the information in this sentence will be read by the Master of Ceremonies during the official Awards Presentation Ceremony as the recipient receives their Award on stage.

Why do I need to provide an email address for the student?

All nominees are sent an email from the Queensland Olympic Council to notify them of the result of their nomination. If they are successful, the email will include a personal invitation to attend the official Awards Presentation Ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE

The President of the Australian Olympic Committee has indicated that any marketing initiative which would allow a commercial organisation to associate itself with the Pierre de Coubertin Awards would be against the spirit of the Awards and the commercial interests of the Australian Olympic Committee.

The Australian Olympic Committee will retain the marketing and licensing rights to their protected words, symbols and other properties.

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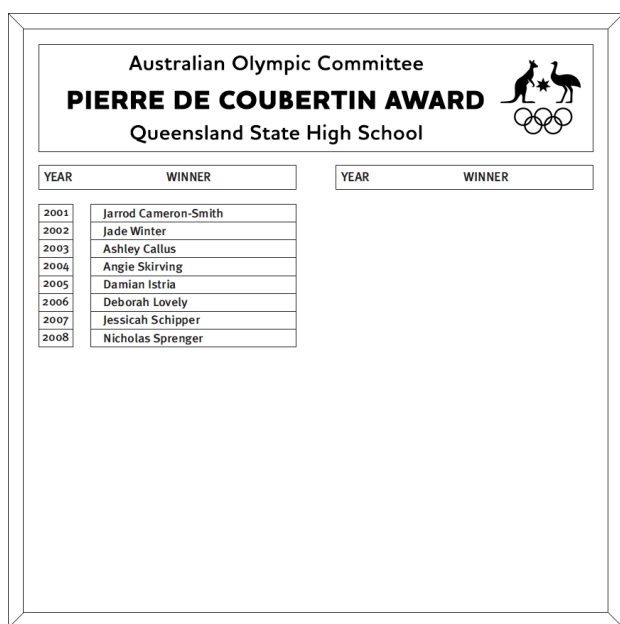
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The Queensland Olympic Council (QOC) is pleased to offer the Pierre de Coubertin Award Honour Board Program again in 2017. Many schools have taken up this opportunity and now provide a permanent display in recognition of those outstanding students who have been worthy of the honour of this prestigious Award.

The QOC has again commissioned a special range of Honour Boards for your school to purchase. The designs have been approved for use by the Australian Olympic Committee.

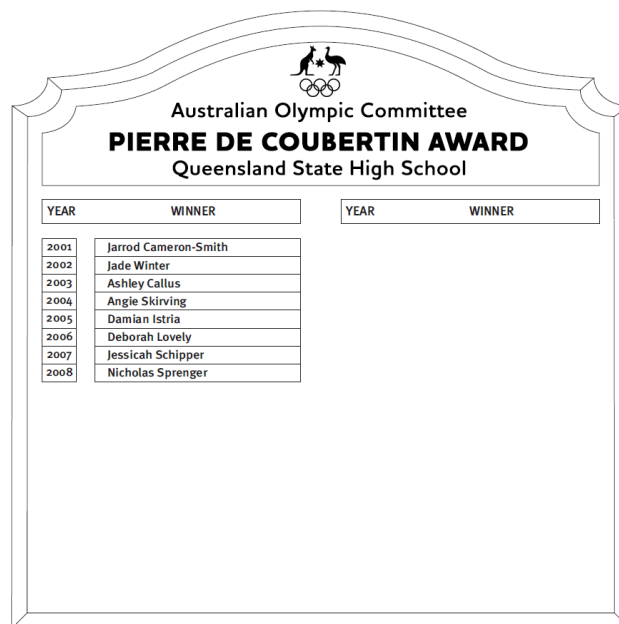
If you would like to order one of these Boards, including engraving of all your past Award recipients, or for more information please contact us via qoc@olympics.com.au or phone 07 3121 6428.

Option A \$415 (plus delivery)



Dimensions are 600mm x 600mm and holds up to 44 Award winners.

Option B \$460 (plus delivery)



Dimensions are 600mm x 600mm and holds up to 40 Award winners.

Delivery charges as follows (includes packaging and freight insurance):

Brisbane/Gold Coast: \$37, Sunshine Coast/Ipswich: \$41,

Qld Country South: \$45, Qld Country North: \$53

