

NSWCCC Blues Awards – Criteria

Aim

Award students who have excelled in their performance whilst in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Pathway.

Blues Awards

- A NSWCCC Blues Award will be presented to a student who meets the criteria for the chosen sport. Only endorsed sports in the School sport pathway will be considered for Blue awards.
- Athletes competing in Multi Class events may be presented with a Maroon award in the sports of Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming and Triathlon.
- NSWCCC awards may also be presented to a Student Official who has met the criteria for the respective sport.
- A NSWCCC Bar Award will be presented to a student who meets the criteria for a Blue award and was also presented with a Blue award in the same sport in a previous year.
- A NSWCCC Outstanding Award will be presented to a student who meets the criteria for a Blue award and was also presented with a Bar award in the same sport in a previous year.
- All NSWCCC awards must be endorsed by CSNSW Sport Executive prior to notification of recipients.
- The final recipient of each award and the number of awards given per sport will be at the discretion of the NSWCCC awards sub-committee.

Major Awards

The Vince Villa Award

- The Vince Villa Award is presented to the most outstanding Catholic Secondary School male and female Sportsperson in the current year.
- The Vince Villa award will recognise the student who has reached the highest level in their sport, while recognising commitment to the NSWCCC and school sport pathway.
- Only NSWCCC Blue / Bar / Outstanding Award recipients in the current year will be considered for the major award.
- A student can only receive the Vince Villa Award once.

The John Sparks Award

- The John Sparks Award is presented to the most outstanding all-rounder male and female sportsperson of the year in Catholic Secondary Schools.
- The Award will take into consideration sporting excellence across a wide range of sports, not necessarily being the best athlete in one specific sport.
- A student can only receive the John Sparks Award once.

- All major award winners will be decided by the NSWCCC Blues Award sub-committee and endorsed by the CSNSW Sport Executive.

Nomination

- Students must demonstrate that they embrace the ethos of the School, Diocesan/Association and Combined Catholic Colleges teams (including appropriate participation, behaviour and sportspersonship)
- All nominations must be endorsed by the students':
 - Diocesan / Association sport representative
 - School principal, principal's delegate or sports coordinator
 - NSWCCC Convenor or team official
- A Blues award may not be provided to students' who do not receive endorsement from all parties.
- The NSWCCC Awards sub-committee may use their discretion to apply further criteria to recognise the best athletes nominated.

Sport-specific Criteria

Sport	Criteria
ATHLETICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gold medalist at NSWCCC Championship ○ Records broken at NSWCCC Championship ○ Highest level achieved in the pathway
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship
BASEBALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship
BASKETBALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship • Member of the NSWCCC Team that excels at the NSW All Schools Opens Championship
BOWLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship
CRICKET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship • Member of the Opens NSW All School Team that excels at the Interstate Exchange
CROSS COUNTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gold medalist at NSW All Schools Championship ○ Individual medalist at School Sport Australia Championship ○ Highest level achieved in the pathway

DIVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold medalist at NSW All Schools Championship Medalist at School Sport Australia Championship Records broken at NSWCCC or NSW All Schools Championship Highest level achieved in the pathway
FOOTBALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship
GOLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship
HOCKEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship Member of the NSWCCC Team that excels at NSW All Schools Opens Championship
NETBALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship Member of the NSWCCC Team that excels at NSW All Schools Opens Championship
RUGBY UNION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in the Australian Schools team
RUGBY LEAGUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in the Australian Schools team
SOFTBALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship
SWIMMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold medalist at NSW All Schools Championship Medalist at School Sport Australia Championship Records broken at NSWCCC or NSW All Schools Championship Highest level achieved in the pathway
TENNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship
TOUCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship Member of the NSWCCC Team that excels at National Youth Championship (NYC)
TRIATHLON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold medalist at NSW All Schools Championship Medalist at School Sport Australia Championship Records broken at NSWCCC or NSW All Schools Championship Highest level achieved in the pathway
VOLLEYBALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected in All-Australian Team at School Sport Australia Championship

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the NSWCCC Team that excels at NSW All Schools Opens Championship
WATER POLO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the NSWCCC team that excels at Interstate Exchange
STUDENT OFFICIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student official who excels in their role at School Sport Australia Championship or similar national event