Annual Awards Origins

The Roy Pitman Bursary.

One of our most significant awards comes in the form of a bursary under the name of Roy Pitman. Roy Pitman was a ‘scholarship teacher’ from the late 1940’s retiring in 1967. His reputation as significant teacher was known across both the Sandgate and Shorncliffe communities. After Mr Roy Pitman’s passing in 1982, past students raised funds to establish a bursary in his name for Shorncliffe students.

The Roy Pitman Bursary is awarded to a senior student who has made the greatest improvement during the year. Mr Pitman made a special effort for the pupil who needed that extra attention. This award is given to encourage. This award is given to the ‘trier’; a student who has displayed tremendous effort.

The Citizenship Award is awarded to a Year 5 student and a Year 6 student. This award has been at Shorncliffe State School for many years. Exactly when this award commenced is unknown however from all account this is an old award most likely commenced after World War 2.

The statement guiding the selection of our Citizenship Award recipients is as follows. The Citizenship Award recipients are students who always interacted positively with the school community and exhibits qualities of sincerity, truthfulness, integrity, honesty and politeness. They are active member of the student community.

The Class of 1948 Shield - Sportsmanship Award is a very special award.

The Class of 1948 Shield was created by the students in the 1948 Year 7 class. The intention of this award was to link to past and present pupils of Shorncliffe State School. This award is given to the pupil judged to have demonstrated the true spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.

In the last 10 years other awards have been sponsored and donated to the school. Equally significant their intention is to acknowledge effort and success of Shorncliffe students.

The Career – Up Japanese Excellence Award was donated by the Pearce family in 2005. This award celebrates very high achievement in all aspects of Japanese language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing). The student receiving this award is in the senior class and has achieved top levels in Japanese.

The Ogden Family Enthusiasm Award was created in 2005 as well by the Ogden Family as their last child (Rachel) left Shorncliffe State School. The award is for students in Yr 3, 4 and 5 displaying passion and enthusiasm for learning and life. The student/s selected should be a credit to their school and community. The award is for student/s who are involved and enthusiastic about learning.

The Cultural Award commenced in 2003. This award is for a senior student displaying an aptitude in one or more of the following at the school activities - Choir, Instrumental music, Art, Dance, Drama,
Cultural activities. This is a student demonstrating commitment to his/her chosen field with enthusiastic and willing to learn.

The Stephen Smith Memorial Bursary

In memory of Stephen (past student of Shorncliffe), parents, Mr & Mrs John Smith and his sister Louise, have established a bursary in his name. The award is made annually. The recipient is a student selected from year 4 or 5 who strives to do their best, exhibits qualities such as tolerance and acceptance, puts others before self and has a fair sense of play.

In 2009 to celebrate our 90th Year, Shorncliffe State School commenced an award recognising the work of another significant teacher from our school’s past. Miss F. E. Thomson was the infant teacher appointed in 1930. She was dedicated to teaching and the school her whole life. In the schools 90th year past students wanted to recognised and remembered her 38 years of dedication to the ‘infant students’ of Shorncliffe State School. Through their approaches the 90th Anniversary committee initiated the F. E. Thomson Award recognizing a junior student (Yr 3) for their dedication to learning. Miss Thomson was always prompting students showing control of their behaviour and good manners.

The final award is prestigious. Dux of the School originated in the past but still hold the important place as the most significant award. This award is for the highest academic achievement by a senior student. This student is the top of the class.

Shorncliffe State School is very fortunate to have these substantial links with its past and community. Strengthening those links is our older community that calls Shorncliffe State School their school. The benefit to our students is not measured; it felt. Our students know they are part of a community that cares for them and their learning success. Our heritage and traditions supports them.