



Acknowledging outstanding achievements by Old Boys

The Newington Medal

Newington College, an independent school of the Uniting Church in Australia, has been educating young men since 1863. The College seeks to encourage each boy to find fulfilment in his school achievements through the pursuit of excellence in academic outcome, co-curricular activities and personal development within a school environment that draws upon the valued heritage and diversity of Australian culture and society.

Since its founding, Old Newingtonians have made many outstanding achievements and contributions in Australia and internationally in their post-school vocations, careers and professions, and in many spheres of endeavour and in all walks of life. The award of the Newington Medal recognises Old Boys whose services and contributions have made a significant difference to the welfare and future of the college and to Australia's quality of life or to humanity in other countries throughout the world.

This award recognises the actions and achievements of people who have gone above and beyond normal expectations. Each award promotes the continuation of the highest human endeavour and fosters stronger aspirations among Old Boys, parents and families to retain their association with Newington College.

THE NEWINGTON MEDAL FOR OLD BOYS

One of the most significant elements of the College's vision is that Newington strives to 'provide an internationally respected education to develop young men who will positively contribute to Australian society.'

Many Old Boys have encapsulated this vision within their life of service, their achievements in their chosen field of endeavour or profession, or service to their community or society at a national or international level of involvement.

To acknowledge outstanding contributions made by Old Boys the College Council has initiated a prestigious annual award, the Newington Medal, which is the highest honour Newington can bestow on an Old Boy for meritorious and commendable achievement.

Up to four Newington Medals are awarded annually: to Old Boys working and residing overseas and an identical Medal being awarded to Old Boys working and residing in Australia.

Each Medal will acknowledge an Old Boy whose work, profession, skill, dedication, generosity or support has involved meritorious and commendable achievement in business, the professions, community service, research, industrial development, technology, human relations, education, cultural development, sport, international relations, the arts or philanthropy.

Meritorious and commendable achievement is assessed on the:

- i) Recipient's contribution (or combined contributions) to his nominated field of endeavour
- ii) Extent to which the recipient's contribution has benefited the community or the nominated field of endeavour
- iii) Benefit derived by Newington through the recipient's contribution to the life and future of the College.

The Newington Medal:

- i) Acknowledges Old Boys who have sustained the College's vision through their post-school achievements
- ii) Encourages greater association by Old Boys in the life, values and history of the College
- iii) Identifies Old Boys who are exemplars for current students

In addition to the specially designed medal the successful recipients will receive a framed citation detailing the Old Boy's achievements plus appropriate acknowledgement throughout the College community.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEWINGTON MEDAL

Who can be nominated?

Any Newington Old Boy can be nominated for the Newington Medal (Australian and International).

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How to prepare a nomination

The nomination form must be completed by an independent nominator for each award and supported by two unrelated, independent referees. Family members cannot nominate another family member as a candidate nor can they be a referee for a candidate. No self-nomination for either award will be considered. Each nominator may submit only one application for either the Newington Medal (International or Australian) or the Newington Citation.

In addition to providing written background details on the nominee's contribution to the College, nominators should indicate why they believe their nominee should be recognised under each award's guidelines. Both referees must sign the nomination form as confirmation they have been pre-informed of the nominator's comments/support documentation.

Only the Newington Medal nomination form can be used for each award. Documentation and typed statements supporting the nomination should accompany the nomination form.

How are nominations assessed?

Each award nomination will be reviewed by an Assessment Panel comprising the following people:

The Newington Medal: Chair of the College Council (or nominee), Headmaster, President of the Old Newingtonians' Union (or nominee), one independent member jointly selected by the Council chair and the Headmaster.

The Assessment Panel reserves the right not to award the Newington Medal; the reasons for which will not be divulged.

Will nominators and referees be consulted?

The Assessment Panel reserves the right to speak with a nominator and/or their referees during the assessment process. All discussions will remain confidential. No correspondence will be entered into with either the nominator or the referees regarding reasons for making the award to the successful candidates nor will reasons be discussed why other nominations were not successful.

Are nominations confidential?

All nominations are strictly confidential. The information provided on each nomination form will be reviewed by the Assessment Panel to consider the relative merits of each nominee.

At no time should the person/family being nominated for an award be approached for any information or advised that his or her/their name is being nominated for either award.

Timing of nominations

Nominations for the Newington Medal are to be received at the Newington College Community and Development Office by 31 August. Each nomination will be thoroughly researched. Nominators or referees may be contacted by selected College personnel on behalf of the Assessment Panel to clarify any issue whereupon all nomination forms will be submitted to the Panel for consideration.

How are recipients told of their award?

The successful recipients of each award will be advised in writing by 30 September and will be asked to nominate an appropriate, mutually convenient event or occasion when the award will be presented. If a successful recipient declines the award the Assessment Panel reserves the right to select a new successful candidate from submitted nominations.

Nominators and referees of the successful recipient will be advised in writing by 30 September and subsequently advised of details concerning the award presentation. At this time nominators and referees representing unsuccessful candidates will be advised in writing that their nominee was unsuccessful. At no stage should this person be informed that their candidature was unsuccessful by either the nominator or the referees.

Can an unsuccessful candidate's nomination be re-submitted?

Yes: Such re-submission is encouraged. Many quality candidates will not be honoured in any one year although they could remain as outstanding candidates for future award consideration. Each nominator of an unsuccessful candidate will be contacted to determine if they wish their candidate's name to be re-submitted for an award consideration in the future.

The next step

Complete, detach and post the attached nomination form which must be signed by the nominator and each referee. The form should be supported by supplementary typed documentation giving background details to the person/family being nominated for consideration to receive the Newington Medal. All documentation should be mailed to the Newington College Alumni Office. Receipt of the Nomination Form will be acknowledged by return mail.

For further information contact

Newington College Community and Development Office
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Tel (61 2) 9568 9544 **Email** alumni@newington.nsw.edu.au

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