



BISHOP'S AWARD 2022

Application and Information Pack

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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The Bishop's Award was first conferred in 2014. Bishop Bill sought to recognise the good works of students and young people across our diocese who were actively involved in their parish communities.

The award seeks to affirm their efforts and encourage them to continue to seek out opportunities to share the Good News and encourage others to do the same. The Bishop's Award is an opportunity for our parish communities and our diocese to promote and support students and young people and to acknowledge their commitment to their faith.

Father Greg Barker

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR, DIOCESE OF MAITLAND - NEWCASTLE

What is the Bishop's Award?

The Bishop's Award seeks to publicly recognise the efforts of students and young people within our Diocese who have contributed to the community through their parish of Faith, Church group or Church agency such as Caritas, Youth Ministries, St Vincent de Paul, Mini Vinnies or similar church groups. This also includes contributions made within parishes e.g. Liturgy.

This recognition serves as a means of acknowledging and encouraging the continued efforts of these and other young people.

The Bishop's Award is open to students in Years 7–12 as well as young people 25 years of age or younger who are members of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The Bishop's Award comprises four categories:

1. Students in Year 7 & 8
2. Students in Year 9 & 10
3. Students in Year 11 & 12
4. Young people 25 years of age or younger.

Applicants must live within the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and belong to a community within this Diocese.

Each successful applicant will receive an award of \$1000, which may contribute to the student's or young person's education or faith formation by assisting them to attend events such as World Youth Day, Diocesan Youth Retreat or a music ministry. Each successful applicant will also receive a Certificate of Recognition.

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What do I need to do?

Students and young people must be nominated by a member of their parish community, school community, family or agency. The nominator must seek the consent of the parent(s) if the student is under 18 years of age, and the consent of the student/young person (if they are over 18) prior to nominating.

All applicants will need to complete the application form and to provide the following information:

- ▶ current contact details
- ▶ (most recent) school name / academic institution and current year of enrolment
- ▶ name of parish community
- ▶ evidence of involvement in and notable contributions to his/her school, parish and broader community through his/her continued good works
- ▶ parental consent to apply for the Bishop's Award if under 18 years of age.

They will also need to seek the support of their Parish Priest/Leaders and include them as a referee in their application.

Should an applicant's nomination be successful, he/she may be expected to participate in promotion of Bishop's Award activities for the following year. If successful the applicant will need to sign an Image Release form located at the end of this application and information pack.

What happens next?

The student/young person or their nominator will need to submit the completed Bishop's Award Application form via email to **bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au by the closing date: 2 December 2022.**

Applicants can also apply online at **www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/youth/bishops-award/.**

All applicants are required to inform and seek the support of either their Parish Priest, Deacon or Parish Leader as well as their School Principal or Assistant Principal, if applicable. Applicants should also seek the support of their parish community, and ask leaders of the organisations with which they are involved to act as referees.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Review and selection

The Bishop's Award Selection Panel will review the applications.

The Selection Panel will be made up of a member of the Clergy, the Chair of the Federation of Parents & Friends Associations (or the delegated representative), an Assistant Director from the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), Chair of the Diocesan Council of Ministry with Young People (DCMYP) (or the delegated representative) and the Director – Pastoral Ministries (or the delegated representative).

Members of the Panel will disclose any conflict of interest and excuse themselves from the committee should a family member or relative apply for the Bishop's Award. Parish Priests are also ineligible to be a member of the Selection Panel should they be an applicant's referee.

A representative from the Bishop's Award Working Party will be responsible for verifying applications that might be successful by contacting nominated referees. This in no way is an indication of the likely success or otherwise of the application. In making its recommendations, the Selection Panel will forward applications and recommendations to the Diocesan for his consideration and ratification.

A representative of the Bishop's Award Working Party will write to each applicant advising them of the outcome of their application.

Nominees will be recognised and successful applicants presented with their awards at a time chosen by the Diocesan Administrator. Those students who are selected to receive a Bishop's Award will receive their prizes as well as a Certificate of Recognition.

The decision of the Diocesan Administrator is final.

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Bishop's Award Application Form

Applicants are also reminded of the option to apply online at www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/youth/bishops-award/.

Applicant's Details

Name of applicant:	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Applicant's home address:	Postcode:
Date of birth:	
Name of school/institution attending in 2022 (if applicable):	
Name and address of parish:	
2023 enrolled in Year:	(if in school) Course being studied:
Email address:	
Mobile contact: (if over 18 years of age)	

Parent/Carer's consent (to be completed if young person under 18 years of age)

I/We support my/our child's application for a Bishop's Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Parent/Carer's name (please print):	
Parent/Carer's signature:	
Contact numbers: Home: Work: Mobile:	
Email Address:	

Nominator's details

(To be completed where nomination made by person other than parent's/carers or the student themselves)

Nominator's name (please print):	
Contacts Numbers: Home: Work: Mobile:	
Nominator's signature:	

Applicant's consent

I, (PLEASE PRINT):	
Consent to submitting a nomination for the Bishop's Award – 2022.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read and understand the information contained within the application and Information Pack.	
Student/Young Person's name (PLEASE PRINT):	
Student/Young Person's signature:	

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Referees

Please provide the names of at least two (2) referees who are able to speak on your behalf about your involvement in your parish and the broader community. These referees must include a Parish Priest, Deacon or Parish Leader and a school leadership representative such as a Principal or Assistant Principal (if applicable).

Please ensure you have discussed this application with your referees and sought their permission to include their details below.

First Referee - Parish Representative (Priest, Deacon, Parish Leader, etc.)

Name:

Parish:

Contacts numbers: Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Position:

Second Referee - School Leadership Representative - Principal, Assistant Principal (if applicable)

Name:

Parish:

Contacts numbers: Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Position:

Additional Referee e.g. Member of Parish Team, Community Leader etc.

Name:

Parish/school:

Contacts numbers: Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Position:

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Questions

Question 1. Tell us why this person is deserving of a Bishop's Award.

Question 2. What contribution do they make to their faith community?

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**Question 3. Outline any leadership role/roles they have in their community.
What does this role require of them?**

**Question 4. Please discuss how they demonstrate Gospel Values in responding to the
needs of others in their life.**

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**Question 5. (Year 11 & 12 and Young People) Do you have a sense of God's call for you?
How are you responding to your Vocational Call?**

Checklist

Have I included the following?

- ☐ Completed and signed application form.
- ☐ Contact details for at least two (2) referees.
- ☐ Completed and signed Diocesan Image release form.

Completed applications

For completed and signed application forms please send them to the following.

Email: bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au

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Image Release Form

I, _____ (insert name/s) grant permission to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to use and reproduce any visual or audio image/s taken of me and/or my child/children in its future promotional and marketing materials, website, intranet, annual report, recruitment, advertising and/or publications.

I understand that the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle includes the agencies of CatholicCare, the Catholic Schools Office, St Nicholas Early Education and the Catholic Development Fund.

I understand that visual and audio images includes but is not limited to photographs in hardcopy and digital form, audio recordings and audio visual digital recordings.

I acknowledge that the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle regularly reproduces visual and audio images/ recordings as stated above and by signing below I give the Diocese the authorisation to use and reproduce images of me with or without retouching, cropping, and altering.

I also acknowledge that any image taken of me by or on behalf of the Diocese belongs to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle for its own use, however that the organisation will not exploit this right by sharing or using the image outside of any practice or material being promoted by the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and its agencies.

I understand that I have the right to withdraw my consent in writing at any time to the Communications Manager, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and that the organisation will stop all future use of my image in publications, website and associated promotional material.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Signature of Parent or Guardian is required for those either under 18 or with a cognitive impairment).

If you specifically do not want a certain image file of you used please state so below (ie: audio)

* Please provide a copy of this form to the Communications Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West 2302. All letters to withdraw consent should also be sent to the Communications Manager and must include the date the letter was written.

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For more information

For more information please contact.

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