

Tuggerah Public School

Dux of School Policy



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“...most successful schools recognise and value students’ individual interests, needs and potential.” (Excellence and Innovation – a consultation with the community of NSW on public education and training 2004)

Rationale

Students should be recognised for individual achievement of very high standards in academic work. This recognition should take place both within the context of the classroom as well as the wider school community.

Definition of Dux

The Dux of School is the child who, in the current academic year, has demonstrated in Mathematics and English a consistently high standard of quality work so as to be considered by the staff as the highest achieving member of the Year 6 cohort to which that child belongs.

Guidelines for Selection of Dux

- The dux must come from Year 6.
- Procedures for the selection of the Dux will commence in Term 4 Week 4 and conclude by Week 7.
- There will not be a set examination or test to decide the Dux of the school.
- All aspects of English (speaking/listening, writing, grammar, punctuation, reading, spelling) will be taken into account by the Year 6 teachers in deciding the merit order of achievement in English. Marks from general testing and assignments may be utilised to decide this order.
- All aspects of mathematics (space & measurement, number, patterns & algebra, chance & data) will be taken into account in deciding the merit order of achievement in Mathematics. Marks from general testing and assignments may be utilised to decide this order.
- Once grading has taken place in both of the KLAs, the positions are to be given an order number, that is, the top student receives a one (1) followed down the list for up to the first five (5) students in each of the KLAs. The student who achieves the **lowest** score will be provisionally nominated for the Dux award.
- Discussion between the Year 6 teachers, the principal and Stage 3 executive member will follow as to the merit of that student to achieve the award. All aspects of the deliberations prior to the discussion will be open to examination by that committee.

Recognition of Dux

The Dux award will be recognised at the Presentation Assembly in December. The recipient will receive a gift which is considered by the principal to be worthy of the high distinction being conferred. The award will be presented by the principal or his/her nominee.

The recipient of the award will be asked to provide a suitable and current photograph of him/herself for display on the school’s Wall of Honour.