ITI REAREA AWARD GUIDELINES

Philosophy:

The New Plymouth Girls' High School Iti Rearea Award recognises excellence and outstanding achievement at a National or International level across the range of activities available to students at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Activities outside New Plymouth Girls' High School may also be considered for the award. Iti Rearea will be awarded to recognise exceptional achievement by students in one or more of the following areas; academic, arts, sport or cultural. The Iti Rearea Award consists of a bronze Iti Rearea Bar which can be worn alongside the senior Honours Badge / Bar if the student is awarded Honours as a senior.

Meaning:

The name Iti Rearea is derived from the beginning of the whakatauki – Iti Rearea, teitei kahikatea ka taea. It means the small Rearea (Bell Bird) is able to scale the heights of the tallest Kahikatea. Put simply anything can be achieved. Size and age do not limit us in our conquest for success. Iti refers to small in size, stature and number, hence the Iti Rearea Award is available for junior students to strive toward.

General Eligibility:

Year 9, 10 and 11 students are eligible for the award. The Iti Rearea Bar will be presented in acknowledgement of the award. Further awards will be acknowledged by additional Bars.

The nominee must have demonstrated:

- Loyalty and a positive attitude to study and school life in general,
- Compliance with all academic requirements, i.e. completion of homework, class work, assignments,
- Regular attendance,
- That they have met the required level of participation, achievement and commitment in the activity/area they are applying in / being nominated for,
- That they have adhered to the school rules including wearing uniform correctly and exemplary behaviour.

Students who do not meet these criteria will not be considered for an award.

The criteria for each category will be determined by each discipline in consultation with the Iti Rearea / Honours Awards Committee as a guideline.
Nomination / Application Procedure:

- Nomination / Application forms can be found on the school website and are emailed to all Year 9, 10 and 11 students approximately 6 weeks prior to an Iti Rearea Assembly.
- Applications must be submitted to the Deputy Principal in charge a month prior to an Iti Rearea Assembly.
- Nominations will be considered by the Iti Rearea Committee and recommendations made.
- Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the Deans and Deputy Principal of the respective Waka Huia (and relevant staff if appropriate) for confirmation of a nominee’s / applicant’s general eligibility / suitability for an Award.
- The Iti Rearea Committee will meet and the final decision for making Awards will be determined.
- Parents of a student receiving a Iti Rearea Award will be invited to the Iti Rearea Assembly. The Award will remain a surprise to the student concerned.
- The Deputy Principal’s PA will organise the Iti Rearea Bars and Certificates.

Award and Withdrawal of Iti Rearea Award:

The Principal, in consultation with relevant staff may withdraw an Iti Rearea Award if the recipient no longer meets the conditions of the Award.

The final decision to make an Award or to withdraw it is ultimately that of the Principal.

Appeal Process:

In the event of an appeal, this is to be submitted in writing to the Principal. Information that supports the appeal will be required and the decision of the Principal will be final.

Iti Rearea Committee:

The Iti Rearea Committee will be comprised of: Principal, Deputy Principal, Sports Director and Arts Representative.
ITI REAREA AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominees must meet the general eligibility criteria for nomination as well as the specific criteria for the activity in which they are being nominated.

Criteria:

National or International level of achievement in any of:

- ACADEMIC
- ARTS
- SPORT
- CULTURAL