In order to encourage and motivate students to strive for the highest levels of achievement and to realise their full potential, a system of rewards and incentives operates. The focus for positive reinforcement is on classroom achievement, effort and progress. Classroom merits accumulate to earn subject/faculty merits and these in turn lead to Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates each year. The process begins afresh each year and students should strive to earn a Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificate each year. In addition, students who achieve Gold Merit Level can apply for Gold Card or the School Achievement Medal. The steps to follow are outlined in the flow chart on the following page.

**RECOGNISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - 2013 MERIT SCHEME**

**Years 7-12**
3 Classroom Merits for:
- Academic Achievement
- Effort/contributions faculty classroom program
- Progress

Take to the Faculty Teacher

You are eligible for a Subject Faculty Merit

3 Faculty or School Service Merits

You are eligible for a Bronze Merit if you have excellent behaviour.

**Years 7 - 10**

3 more Subject Faculty or School Service Merits

You are eligible for a Silver

3 more Faculty or School Service Merits

You are eligible for a Gold

If you wish to apply for Gold Card collect an application form from your Year Adviser

When completed with excellence in all aspects of school life, you will be issued with a Gold Card

If you wish to apply for a School Achievement Medal, notify your Year Adviser, who can check that you meet the requirements.

**Years 11 - 12**

1 more Faculty or School Service Merit

You are eligible for a Silver

2 more Faculty or School Service Merits

You are eligible for a Gold

If you wish to apply for a Gold Card collect an application form from your Year Adviser

When completed with excellence in all aspects of school life, you will be issued with a Gold Card

If you wish to apply for a School Achievement Medal, notify your Year Adviser, who can check that you meet the requirements.

**YOUR GOLD CARD WILL BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME IF YOU DO NOT CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE.**

**MEDALS OF EXCELLENCE**

The Kiama High School Medal of Excellence is awarded at the end of Year 10 and the end of Year 12 to outstanding student(s) who meet the following criteria:

- The student must hold a current Gold Merit Certificate and a Gold Card.
- The student must be excellent in the following areas.
  1. Academic – marks, rankings, position in class, comments.
  2. Community Service.