



Pockets are an award to recognise student achievement and quality participation in a range of school endeavours.

1. Pockets will be awarded by the Executive Principal on the recommendation of the Pockets Committee.
2. The Pockets Committee shall consist of:
 - (i) Executive Principal's delegate (as Chairperson);
 - (ii) A Director of Sports;
 - (iii) A member of staff who is a representative from cultural activities;
3. The Pockets Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Principal to recommend the award of pockets according to the guidelines.
4. The duties of the Pockets Committee include:
 - (i) Reviewing the criteria for the award of pockets;
 - (ii) Reviewing the activities for which pockets are to be awarded;
 - (iii) Awarding Award, Half, Full and Gold pockets;
 - (iv) Maintaining a consistency among the various sports and activities with regard to the awarding of pockets;
 - (v) Maintaining a Register of the awarding of all pockets.
5. Pockets are known as:
 - (i) Award: Red Lettering below a BSHS emblem;
 - (ii) Half: Silver Lettering below a BSHS emblem;
 - (iii) Full: Gold Lettering below a BSHS emblem;
 - (iv) Gold: Gold border around the BSHS emblem and lettering on a velvet background;
 - (v) Special: Gold wreath on each side of the BSHS emblem with gold lettering above the emblem.
6. Eligibility for pockets depends on all of the following:
 - (i) Attendance at a specified number* of training, practice, rehearsal sessions. (Variation: individual students who prepare externally may be required to provide written evidence);
 - (ii) Participation in a specified number* of lead up meets, approved competitions, fixtures, practices and/or performances;
 - (iii) Attitude and behaviour must be such that they bring credit to the school;
 - (iv) Payment of levy for that activity.

* *This requirement will be as determined by the Coordinator of each activity. For most activities it will be 75%.*
7. **Award Pocket**
 - (a) All students (boys and girls - regardless of age or level of competition) participating in a school activity will be eligible for an Award pocket provided that they fulfill the criteria outlined in Item 6. (Exception: Academic - no Red pocket).
 - (b) The MIC/Coordinator of each activity, in consultation with the captain of that activity and other coaches or teachers involved, shall recommend an Award pocket for each eligible student and provide a list to the Pockets Committee for approval and inclusion in the Pockets Register.

- (c) Activities are those with a defined season of preparation, commitment and competition and are:

Sport		Culture	Other
Swimming		School Production (Musical, Drama)	Technical Crew
Cross Country		Dance Troupes	Spirit of State High
Football		Musical Ensembles: Symphony Orchestra	Service
Cricket			
Volleyball		Symphonic Band	
Tennis		Concert Band	
Athletics		Wind Ensemble	
Rowing		String Orchestra (A,B,C)	
Basketball		Chamber	
Fencing		Percussion Ensemble	
Debating		Big Band	
Chess		Stage Band	
Boys	Girls	Quartets and Quintets (Clarinet)	
Rugby	Softball	Vocal Ensemble	
AFL	Netball	Performing Arts activities which may not take place every year but which are worthy of recognition due to the time devoted to them, contribution to the school, etc.)	
Water Polo	Gymnastics		
	Hockey		
	Rugby Sevens		
	Badminton		

The availability and name of an activity may vary from year to year.

- (d) The lettering is to name the activity and the year, e.g.: RUGBY 2013, SOFTBALL 2013, SCHOOL MUSICAL 2013, DEBATING 2013, CROSS COUNTRY 2013, ROWING 2013, CONCERT BAND 2013, CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 2013, HOCKEY 2013.
- (e) A student may receive only one pocket in an activity in a given year.

8. Half and Full Pockets

- (a) All students who compete in or who are involved in the above activities in which they represent the school will be eligible for a Half pocket or a Full pocket, with the exception of Fencing, Water Polo (boys), and AFL (boys) where students will be eligible for an Award (Red) pocket only (unless the teams are in Division 1 of an approved competition).
- (b) Eligibility for a Half pocket or Full pocket will be as stated in Item 6 (above) with a Half pocket awarded for a high level of achievement and a Full pocket awarded for the highest level of achievement in the activity.
- (c) The Coordinator of each particular activity shall:
- Refer to the criteria for award of a Half or Full pocket for that activity;
 - Consult with coaches of teams
 - Determine recommendations for Half or Full pockets;**
 - Submit written recommendations to the Pockets Committee for approval at the end of the season for that activity.

**** Advice may be sought from a member of the Pockets Committee.**

- (d) Criteria for the award of a Half or Full pocket in a sporting activity:

- (i) *Team Sports (includes Boys' Rowing and Chess)*

All members of the 1st or Open teams will be eligible for Half pockets but where the team is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, all members are eligible for a Full pocket. For teams placed lower than 3rd, individual team members may be nominated for a Full pocket on the basis of exceptional performance. All members of the 2nd or Senior A grade teams will be eligible for a Half pocket where the team is placed 1st. Where no Under 16 competition exists, and the team is placed 2nd, all members are still eligible for a Half pocket. For teams placed 2nd (and an Under 16 competition exists) or lower than 2nd, Half pockets may be awarded according to performance on a downwards sliding scale, i.e. fewer pockets awarded if the team is placed towards the bottom of the competition.

Full pockets may be awarded for exceptional performance to any member of an under-age A team but will be limited to a maximum of two in U16, U15 and Year 10 and one to U14, U13, U12, Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7. Half pockets may be awarded to any member of an under-aged A team that is placed 1st. For A teams placed lower than 1st, Half pockets may be awarded to members according to performance on a sliding scale downwards.

- (ii) *Cross Country Running*

Each team consists of the first six runners for Boys GPS, five runners for QGSSSA to complete the course. Any individual (all ages) placed in the first 5 will be eligible for a Full pocket and placed 6th to 25th eligible for a Half pocket. Members of an Open team placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd are eligible for a Full pocket while members of an under-age team so placed may be awarded a Half pocket. Members of an open team placed lower than 3rd are all eligible for a Half pocket.

(iii) *Rhythmic Gymnastics*

Members of Open teams are eligible for Half pockets but if placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, are eligible for Full Pockets. Members of Year 8 teams placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd may be awarded a Half pocket. Half pockets for members of teams in lower placings may be awarded on a sliding scale.

(iv) *Rowing (girls only)*

Crews placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open 1st Division will be eligible for Full pockets while those placed lower than 3rd will be eligible for Half pockets. In Open 2nd Division crews placed 1st or 2nd where no Under 16 Division exists will be eligible for Half pockets.

A Full pocket may be awarded to under-age Division One competitors for outstanding performance as recognised by 2 wins in under-age Division One events, or one win in an under-age Division One event and compete in the Open 1st VIII, or one win in an under-age Division One event and placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in one other 1st Division event. Where an under-age crew is placed 1st in a Division One event, all members will be eligible for a Half pocket. Where an under-age sculler is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Division One event, she will be eligible for a Half pocket.

For crewed events, the Team Sports criteria apply.

For sculling events, Open Division 1, the rower is eligible for a Full pocket if placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd. If placed lower, the rower is eligible for a Half pocket. Where an under-age sculler is placed 1st in a Division 1 event, they are eligible for a Full pocket. If they are placed 2nd or 3rd, she will be eligible for a Half pocket.

(v) *Athletics and Swimming*

All open competitors in 'A' Division (individual or relay event) being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd will be eligible for a Full pocket and those placing 4th or 5th for a Half pocket.

For under-age 'A' Division competitors, a Full pocket may be awarded to an individual who breaks a record, or wins two events (one may be a relay), or who has one individual win and two other placings (one may be a relay) while a Half pocket may be awarded to an individual who is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any one event (relay included).

(vi) *Girls' Cricket*

All members of the Open team will eligible for a Half Pocket. Exceptional cricketers may be eligible for a Full Pocket

(vii) *Rugby Sevens (Girls only)*

A Full pocket may be awarded to a player based on exceptional performance in the South-East Queensland Schoolgirls' Sevens Gala (e.g. selection in the Queensland U18 Rugby Sevens Team). A Half Pocket may be awarded to a player based on an impressive performance in the South-East Queensland Schoolgirls' Sevens Gala (e.g. shadow selection Queensland U18 Rugby Sevens Team).

(viii) *Lettering on Pockets*

- Boys: In GPS competition, only the 1st team in each activity competes for a premiership. This is stated in the rules of competition for GPS sport. Consequently, the word 'PREMIERS' can only appear on a pocket for a member of the Firsts.
- For any team, other than the Firsts, which is placed first in its division, an embroidered star symbol (5 point star, 8mmx8mm) may be placed before the activity name on the relevant pocket. Example: ★ Basketball 13A 2013. A pennant or certificate may also be presented, at the discretion of the sub-committee for that activity, to members of that team. The word 'PREMIERS' cannot appear on any pennant or certificate or lettering on a pocket. The star will be embroidered in the same colour as the pocket.
- Girls: In QGSSSA competition, teams at all levels of each activity compete for premierships. This is stated in the rules of competition for QGSSSA sport. Consequently, the word 'PREMIERS' can appear on a pocket for a member of any team that is placed first in its division.
- The lettering on the pocket will only acknowledge the level of the activity for a Team sport for the 1st or Open Team or a premiers/first in division team. Examples of lettering on pockets include:

ATHLETICS 2013, CRICKET 1st XI 2013, CRICKET 2013, FOOTBALL 2013, HOCKEY OPEN PREMIERS 2013, CROSS COUNTRY 2013, BASKETBALL 1st V PREMIERS 2013, CHESS 2013, NETBALL OPEN 2013, DEBATING 2013, SWIMMING 2013, TENNIS YR 9 PREMIERS 2013, SOFTBALL YR 10 PREMIERS 2013, RUGBY 13B 2013, FOOTBALL 15C 2013, .CRICKET 14D 2013.

e) Criteria for the award of a Half or Full pocket in academic or cultural activities:

(i) *Academic – Year 11 & Year 12*

A Full pocket will be awarded to the Year 12 Dux, the Year 11 Dux, approximately the top 5% in an order of merit list of the Year 12 group on the basis of fullest and latest results obtained up to verification, and approximately the top 5% in the Year 11 group on the basis of results obtained in Semester 1.

A Half pocket will be awarded to approximately the next 3% in an order of merit list of the Year 12 group on the basis of fullest and latest results obtained up to verification

Academic – Years 7 to 10

A Half pocket will be awarded to students on the basis of six A results for achievement in Semester 1. Students can be awarded a Half pocket in Semester 2 on the basis of six A results for achievement. Only one Half pocket can be awarded for Academia in any given year. Students with 6 A results in Semester 1 and in Semester 2 will only be awarded a single Half pocket.

(ii) *Debating (GPS and QDU)*

The Outstanding Individual Debater (recognised by debating skill, team participation, organisation and commitment, and general service to debating) at each year level will be eligible for a Full pocket. All members of the Senior A GPS team will be eligible for Half pockets but where the team is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, all team members are eligible for a Full pocket. All members of the Senior B GPS team will be eligible for Half pockets where the team is placed 1st or lose only one debate. Where the team is placed lower than 1st, Half pockets may be awarded according to performance.

Half pockets may be awarded to any under-age GPS 'A' team that is placed 1st. For teams placed lower than 1st, Half pockets may be awarded to individuals according to performance.

Any team reaching the QDU State Championship will be eligible for a Full pocket for each member. Any team that reaches the QDU semi finals will be eligible for a Half pocket for each member. (Note: Debaters are only eligible for one award in debating and will receive the higher of the two awards).

(iii) *Musical Ensembles*

All members of a senior group will be eligible for a Half pocket but where the group is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a state-wide (or equivalent) competition, or Platinum in Musicfest, all members are eligible for a Full pocket. If the senior group is placed lower than 3rd, or there is no competition, individual members may be nominated for a Full pocket on the basis of exceptional performance.

All members of a junior group will be eligible for an Award pocket but where the group is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a state-wide (or equivalent) competition, or Platinum in Musicfest, all members are eligible for a Half pocket. If the junior group is placed lower than 3rd, or there is no competition, individual members may be nominated for a Half pocket on the basis of exceptional performance.

All students must attend a minimum of 75% of rehearsals and miss no competitions or public performances

(iv) *School Production and/or Dramatic Production*

A Full pocket may be awarded to students who gain the leading roles in the school production and/or who perform tasks, equivalent in time and complexity, in an outstanding creative manner (e.g. Costume design, publicity) that brings greater success to the production.

A Half pocket may be awarded to students who gain a major support role in the school production or who perform tasks, equivalent in time and complexity, in an impressive creative manner (e.g. Costume design, publicity) that brings greater success to the production. Technical crew is not eligible for a School Production Pocket.

All students must attend a minimum of 75% of rehearsals and miss no competitions or public performances.

(v) *Dance Troupes ('Junior' or 'Senior' Dance Troupe or 'Boys' Crew')*

All members of a senior troupe will be eligible for a Half pocket but where the group is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a state-wide (or equivalent) competition, all members are eligible for a Full pocket. If the senior group is placed lower than 3rd, or there is no competition, individual members may be nominated for a Full pocket on the basis of exceptional performance.

All members of a junior troupe will be eligible for an Award pocket but where the group is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a state-wide (or equivalent) competition, all members are eligible for a Half pocket. If the junior group is placed lower than 3rd, or there is no competition, individual members may be nominated for a Half pocket on the basis of exceptional performance.

All students must attend a minimum of 75% of rehearsals and miss no competitions or public performances.

(vi) *Vocal Ensembles*

All members of a vocal ensemble will be eligible for an Award pocket with leaders eligible for a Full or Half pocket based on exceptional performance. If there are fewer than four public performances this is reduced to an Award pocket. All students must attend a minimum of 75% of rehearsals and attend all competitions or public performances.

(viii) *Technical Crew*

All members of junior and senior crews will be eligible for an Award pocket.

Senior crews: Individual members of a senior crew may be nominated for a Full pocket on the basis of exceptional performance with the remainder eligible for a Half pocket on a sliding scale.

Junior crews: Individual members may be nominated for a Half pocket on the basis of exceptional performance with the remainder eligible for an Award pocket.

All students must attend a minimum of 75% of training sessions, events, rehearsals, performances, etc.

(ix) *Theatresports*

All members of a senior team will be eligible for an Award pocket but where the group is placed 1st in a state-wide (or equivalent) competition, all members are eligible for a Full pocket. If placed 2nd or 3rd students will be eligible for a Half pocket.

All members of a junior team will be eligible for an Award pocket but where the group is placed 1st in a state-wide (or equivalent) competition, all members are eligible for a Half pocket.

All students must attend a minimum of 75% of rehearsals and miss no competitions or public performances.

(f) Criteria for the award of a Full, Half or Award pocket in Service activities through Student Representative council/organized school based service activities:

(i) A student may nominate or be nominated by a member of the school community for service to activities that have been officially sanctioned by the school. Written evidence must be provided and verified by a school staff member.

(ii) Factors determining eligibility and/or the level of award may include:

- The significance / originality of the contribution to the community
- The duration of the activity(ies) – ongoing commitment
- Motivation -the activity(ies) must be undertaken for altruistic reasons
- Attitude and behaviour must be such that they bring credit to the school.

An Award pocket may be awarded to a student who meets the criteria above where the commitment is for at least one year.

A Half pocket may be awarded to a student who meets the criteria above where the commitment is for at least two years and where the activity is substantial and extensive.

A Full pocket may be awarded to a student who meets the criteria above where the commitment is for at least three years and where the activity is substantial and extensive.

Non-ongoing activities will be considered on a case-by-case basis with accompanying documentation.

The wording of the pocket is, for example: 'Service 2013'.

(g) In some activities, an award may be presented to the Captain of the 1st Open Team or Captain of the activity (e.g. Swimming, Athletics). These awards will be recommended by the Coordinator of the activity and awarded at the conclusion of the season. Examples of the lettering of this award on the pocket include: CAPTAIN OF BOATS 2013, RUGBY CAPTAIN 2013, HOCKEY CAPTAIN 2013, DEBATING CAPTAIN 2013. This award will be independent of the rule stated in (g) above.

9. **Exceptional Circumstances**

A Coordinator of any activity may present to the Pockets Committee a recommendation for the award of a Half or Full pocket on the grounds of exceptional circumstance, e.g. injury, illness, outstanding commitment/leadership. Full written details would be required. It is envisaged that such recommendations would be few.

10. **Gold Pocket**

A student who has been awarded four Full pockets in a minimum of two different activities is eligible for a Gold pocket. The definition of 'different activities' is subject to the discretion of the Pockets Committee. Eligible students should apply to the Pockets Committee. Presentation of Gold pockets will be at School Assemblies.

11. **Special Pocket**

The Executive Principal will award a Special pocket to the School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects.

12. **Executive Principal's Pocket – Effort**

A student with excellent results for Effort in all subjects on their Semester 1 report will be eligible for a Half pocket. The lettering on the pocket will be EXCELLENCE 2013.

A student with six Half pockets for Effort in Years 7 to 12 will be awarded a Gold pocket for sustained effort at the highest standard. The lettering on the pocket will be EXCELLENCE 2013.

13. **Executive Principal's Pocket – Significant Achievement**

The Executive Principal may award a Half, Full, Gold or Special pocket for other significant achievement(s) of students while representing the school in activities or events that are not expressly listed within the Pockets Policy. The Executive Principal may designate a specific name for the award related to the activity or field of endeavor. Alternatively, the pocket may read 'PRINCIPAL'S AWARD 2013'.

14. Any student who wishes to have a decision regarding the awarding of a pocket reviewed is to discuss the matter initially with the Coordinator of that activity. If the matter cannot be resolved, the student should put his/her case in writing and then forward it to the Pockets Committee for consideration.

15. Suggestions that may help the Pockets Committee to continue to improve the quality of its client service in regard to the award of pockets are always welcome. Please forward these suggestions to the Pockets Committee for their consideration.