

## THS Merit System

A very important part in the development of a safe and positive environment for our school community is the recognition of the efforts students make to help themselves and others during their time at Toormina High School.

To provide recognition for these efforts, a whole school Merit System will be implemented. The system aims to recognise and acknowledge students who make a contribution to their own education and the broader school community.

Students can receive VIVO points based on the behaviours outlined on the PBL matrix.

Students can also receive VIVO points for the Merit criteria (outlined below).

All students entering the school each year are placed on Maroon level.

Students will be recognised for achieving Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum or Diamond at each term's formal assemblies in the Hall.

Students will also receive recognition of achieving first, second or third in a subject once per semester at the Major Awards Assembly.

Level	Criteria	Recognition
Maroon	All students start on this level	Verbal praise
Bronze	You have accumulated 5 VIVO merit entries across any category	Presented with a certificate You will receive special recognition at formal assembly. You can spend or save your VIVO shop points
Silver	You have accumulated 7 VIVO merit entries across 3 different categories	Presented with a certificate You will receive special recognition at a formal assembly You can spend or save your VIVO shop points
Gold	You have accumulated 15 VIVO merit entries across 5 different categories	Presented with a certificate You will receive special recognition at a formal assembly You can spend or save your VIVO shop points
Platinum	You have accumulated 20 VIVO merit entries across 7 different categories	Presented with a certificate You will receive special recognition at a formal assembly You will receive an invite to a VIP event. You can spend or save your VIVO shop points
Diamond	You have accumulated more than 30 VIVO merit entries across 7 different categories and be nominated by the PBL team and endorsed by the executive.	Presented with a certificate and medallion You will receive special recognition at the major awards assembly. You and your parents will be invited to morning tea after the assembly.

**VETO:** Based on Sentral and VIVO data provided by the PBL team to the executive, students can have their Gold, Platinum and Diamond awards vetoed.

## Merit Criteria

<b>Academic Application</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of set tasks to a high standard</li> <li>• Excellence in assessment/assignment work</li> <li>• Excellent performance in exams and or practical tasks</li> <li>• Consistent classroom effort</li> <li>• Consistent completion of homework and extension activities</li> </ul>
<b>School Service</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting in the library</li> <li>• Initiating a scheme or activity</li> <li>• Fundraising for the school</li> <li>• Membership of the Student Leadership Team, junior AECG or school committee</li> <li>• Excellent or exemplary contribution to the school newsletter</li> <li>• Assisting staff in work valuable to the school</li> </ul>
<b>School Citizenship</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping and supporting other students and staff</li> <li>• Wearing complete school uniform neatly and consistently</li> <li>• Actively participating in school assemblies, through presentations and performances</li> </ul>
<b>Representing the school</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representing THS in any sporting, cultural, catering or academic or competitive activity</li> <li>• School band/drama or dance group</li> <li>• Participating in public speaking/debating</li> </ul>
<b>Community Service</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in ANZAC day / NAIDOC day / services</li> <li>• Participating in combined school and community initiatives</li> <li>• Participating in school sponsored charity work</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting an example as a role model</li> <li>• Coordinating school activities</li> <li>• Active participation on school committees as student representative.</li> <li>• Implementation of Student Leadership Team portfolio initiatives</li> <li>• Peer support leader</li> </ul>
<b>Self-Motivation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displaying motivation and initiative</li> <li>• Being able to work independently</li> <li>• Displaying exceptional organisational skills (time and materials)</li> </ul>
<b>Cooperation and teamwork skills</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displaying conflict resolution skills (peer mediator)</li> <li>• Working cooperatively with staff and students</li> <li>• Assisting in the coordination of activities e.g. Active Arvo's, PBL rewards, setting up the hall etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Improvement / encouragement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour</li> <li>• Work / skills</li> <li>• Attitude</li> <li>• Assisting in the developing in the talents of others</li> </ul>

All students must be in full school uniform to accept awards and or prizes.