AWARD CRITERIA

In order to qualify for either Certificates: direct entries cannot be changed, and if a performance exceeds time limit it will be ineligible for an Honourable Mention certificate or the Perpetual Shield award.

Honourable Mention Certificates
- The recipients are chosen at the discretion of the Adjudicator, in recognition of performances deemed by the Adjudicator to be worthy of special commendation. Honourable Mention Certificates can be awarded for:
  - Excellence
  - Entertainment value
  - Aesthetic appeal
  - Evocative/reflective/profound performance
  - Challenging performance
  - Originality
- The criteria for Honourable Mention Certificates are discussed with the Section Coordinator/s prior to the performance.
- The Adjudicator gives a list of participants cited for Honourable Mention to the coordinator/s at the conclusion of each day’s performance.
- Honourable Mention Certificates are not given to individual performers in groups/ensembles.

Certificates Of Merit
- The recipients are chosen at the discretion of the Adjudicator, in recognition of performances worthy of merit.
- The Adjudicator gives a list of participants cited for Certificates of Merit to the coordinator/s at the conclusion of each day’s performance.

Honourable Mention recipients and Certificates of Merit recipients are not publicly announced at the performance venue. Honourable Mention recipients will be notified via email only at the finalisation of Section. Honourable Mentions & Certificates of Merit are awarded at the Adjudicator’s discretion. It is not dependant on the number of ticks received. For this reason comparison of Adjudication reports is discouraged.

Perpetual Awards (Shields)
An overall Perpetual Award for outstanding performances is to be selected by the Adjudicator at the conclusion of performances in all the categories of the Festival. The Adjudication form for the recipient of a Perpetual Award should reflect the highest overall commendations given in the relevant section of the Festival.

The appropriate form (Festival Evaluation) to be completed by the Adjudicator will also include a recommendation as to whether the performance by the recipient of a Perpetual Award is considered suitable for inclusion as an item at the annual Festival Concert.

In the event that the Adjudicator cannot make the decision between two recipients, it will go to the Section Co-ordinator, who in conjunction with the Executives will make the final decision.

Awards for Excellence
(The Zenith Awards & The Zenith Awards for Country Schools and Colleges)
The Zenith Awards for overall excellence in performance and participation in the spirit of the Performing Arts Festival are presented each year at the Festival Concert.
The criteria for the Zenith Awards are reflected in the levels of excellence in performance and participation by each school.

The Zenith Commendation Award for Sustained Improvement (Primary/Secondary)
This award recognises a school (one primary and one secondary) for sustained and substantial improvement. Improvement is measured across the previous five years of CPAF involvement.