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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Nazareth College Grade Point Average (GPA) Academic Recognition System (Years 7-12)

At Nazareth Catholic College, we are committed to recognising and celebrating student achievement in a manner that is clear, consistent, and meaningful. As part of this commitment, the College will be introducing a new **Grade Point Average (GPA) Academic Recognition System**. This system will be used to determine academic awards presented at College Academic Assemblies.

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is a numerical measure of a student's overall academic performance across all subjects studied during a semester. Subject grades are converted to a standard points scale and then averaged to produce a GPA score out of 15. This provides a consistent measure of achievement across learning areas and year levels.

Why is the College Introducing GPA?

Following a review of our current academic recognition processes, the College believes a GPA model provides several important benefits:

- A clear and transparent method of recognising academic achievement.
- Consistency across all subjects and year levels.
- A system that allows students and families to track academic growth over time.
- A measure that is easily understood and communicated.
- Recognition of both sustained achievement and academic improvement. Importantly, the GPA system recognises a student's achievement across the breadth of their studies rather than focusing on performance in individual subjects alone. It provides a balanced view of a student's overall academic performance and encourages consistent effort across all learning areas.

How Does GPA Work?

Students' semester grades are converted into points using the College's 15-point scale:

- A+ = 15
- A = 14
- A- = 13
- B+ = 12
- B = 11
- B- = 10
- C+ = 9
- C = 8
- C- = 7

The points from each subject are then averaged to determine the student's GPA. For example, a student achieving mostly A and B grades may attain a GPA of 12.5 out of 15.

New Academic Awards

The GPA system will introduce three categories of academic recognition:

- **GPA with Merit**
Awarded to students who achieve a GPA of **14.5 or above** in a semester. This recognises students who demonstrate exceptional and sustained academic achievement across all subjects.
- **GPA with Excellence**
Awarded to students who achieve a GPA between **13.0 and 15.0** in a semester. This acknowledges students who consistently perform at a very high academic standard
- **GPA Improvement Award**
Awarded to students who achieve a **minimum 7.5% improvement** in their GPA from Semester 1 to Semester 2. This award celebrates growth, perseverance, and continuous improvement in learning.

Modified SACE Learning

For students undertaking Modified SACE where achievement is reported as Completed rather than through traditional grades. To determine a student's level of success and progress, teachers assess four Learning Behaviour indicators: Application, Engagement in Class, Personal Organisation, and Task Completion. Each indicator is allocated a numerical value, with **Excellence (E) = 4, Good (G) = 3, Satisfactory (S) = 2, and Needs Improvement (NI) = 1**. These scores are combined to produce an overall percentage achievement score, which is then converted to the College's 15-point GPA scale. This process provides a consistent and transparent measure of a student's engagement, effort, organisation, and completion of learning tasks while acknowledging that the student's SACE outcome is recorded as Completed.

Supporting Achievement and Growth

The College believes academic recognition should celebrate both excellence and progress. The introduction of GPA allows the college to acknowledge students who consistently achieve at high levels while also recognising those who make significant academic improvements over time. This aligns strongly with our commitment to developing resilient, reflective, and engaged learners.

As a result of this change, the current **Application Award** will be phased out and replaced by the GPA framework, which provides a more comprehensive measure of academic achievement and growth.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting your child's learning journey. Should you have any questions regarding the GPA Academic Recognition System, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours Sincerely,



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