



St Patrick's College Ballarat Old Collegian's Association

Criteria and Procedure for Induction as an SPC Legend

Purpose of Recognition as a Legend of the College

The SPC Legend Award celebrates the outstanding achievements and contributions of extraordinary Old Collegians in a diverse range of fields and areas of endeavour. It is about recognising those Old Collegians in whose service and contributions have had the effect of making a significant difference to their community, state and nation.

The SPC Legend Award recognises the actions and achievements of Old Collegians who have gone above and beyond what could be reasonably expected, and in doing so, encourages aspirations and ideals of the highest community standards and values. SPC Legends are tangible models of good men to current students. It is the College community's pre-eminent means of recognising outstanding achievement and contribution by Old Collegians. It recognises Old Collegians who have made a significant difference to their community, their country or at an international level. Legends must have achieved outstandingly and been recognised in the community for their achievement, beyond the normal requirements and functions of their everyday employment.

Selection criteria are needed to ensure the selection process is objective and defensible. The selection process must exhibit clear reasoning and consistent expectations of the required standard of achievement. As this is the highest honour the Old Collegians Association and College may confer on a past student, it is important that the selection criteria are applied with adequate rigour, so as to preserve the value and prestige of this award.

Procedure

a. Nomination

Nominees are to be sourced from current College data bases and records, public information, commercial searches, contacts and recommendations by any past or present member of the College community. College publications and websites are to be used to encourage regular nominations and greater networking within the OCA to find potential nominees.

b. Selection

A Legends Subcommittee of at least five members is formed annually from the OCA Executive Committee, other normal OCA Members and at least one (1) current SPC Legend. The Director of Development and Headmaster are Ex-Officio members. The Legends Subcommittee meets and considers nominees against the Legends Criteria. The Legends Subcommittee selects qualified candidates and reports these to the OCA Executive Committee and Headmaster for ratification. The OCA Executive and Headmaster then approve or disapprove these candidates. The number of SPC Legends inducted may be limited to between 1 and 3 per Legends Dinner function to ensure the sustainability of the concept. Approved candidates become SPC Legend inductees.

Coordination is then required between the OCA, the Development Office and Headmaster as to the planned scheduling and timing of SPC Legend induction based on an inductee's availability and ability to

attend the dinner, the balance/mix of Legend inductees and other dinner requirements. Where possible, Legend inductees should be formally inducted without unnecessary delay after the approval of their nomination. Potential Legends must be of good standing and reputation and be exemplars of the charism of Edmund Rice and be consistent with the Catholic ethos of the College.

c. Induction

Legend inductees are to be formally inducted at annual Legends Dinner functions in Ballarat or Melbourne, with the interview, induction and speeches recorded via photographs and video, and archived. One Legend is to be given a Key Note Speaker role at the dinner with an extended interview format. The interviewers are to adequately research and make contact with each SPC Legend inductee before the dinner, to ensure familiarity and accuracy with their biography, key talking points and questions related to their citation for SPC Legend.

1. Introduction, citation, presentation and formal Legend induction by a member of OCA Executive Committee and/or relevant SPC Legend (3 minutes).
2. Acceptance Speech by new SPC Legend (10 minutes).
3. Interview and Question & Answer (10-15 minutes).

d. Recognition

Each inducted legend will be presented with a framed certificate and College plaque. A photographic portrait with brief citation will be displayed publicly at the College and the legend's name listed on Legends Honour Board in OCA Pavilion.

Categories

Preamble

Nominees may be living or deceased Old Collegians of at least one year of enrolment. The SPC Legend status may be conferred posthumously. To maintain an objective selection process the Legends Subcommittee may request that evidence be supplied and achievements verified to support any nomination.

1. Nominees must fully satisfy the selection criteria of at least one (1) category a, b, c or d as listed below.
2. Only the nominee's individual achievements in relation to the criteria will be considered.
3. The academic and co-curricular achievements attained whilst a student at SPC may be used to enhance the candidate's overall nomination. However, the category's selection criteria must be satisfied in their own right.

a. Community Service & Leadership

Recognised significant and distinguished community service and leadership at a regional, state or national level.

Automatic Eligibility for Consideration

Public recognition might include Order of Australia recipients, bravery/valour decorations, election to state or federal parliament, senior military and police officers (Colonel, Superintendent)

Consideration for Selection which may require additional evidence

Achievements might include long serving board directorships of not-for-profit organisations and advisory groups, senior leadership of community service groups, election to local government as a councillor, mayor or shire president.

b. Academic & Professional Excellence

Recognised significant and distinguished academic and professional excellence at a state, national or international level.

Automatic Eligibility for Consideration

Professional recognition might include University Associate Professor or Professor, Legal Senior Counsel (SC or QC), magistrate, judge; national profile as an industry or professional leader and/or expert, senior public servant.

Consideration for Selection which may require additional evidence

Leadership of professional or industry associations at a state or national level, appointment to specialist or professional/leadership roles at a state/national or international level.

c. Sporting & Cultural Excellence

Recognised significant and distinguished sporting or cultural activity excellence at a state, national or international level.

Automatic Eligibility for Consideration

Athlete at Olympic or Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships; recognition in literature (as an author), visual & performing arts and music (as an artist, performer, instructor or administrator) at a national level.

Consideration for Selection which may require additional evidence

Nominees may be a coach or team official (management/medical staff) at Olympic or Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships; athlete with a significant level of achievement and success in a sport at a state/national open level, not just competing or playing at that level; work in literature, visual & performing arts and music at a state/national level; coach of a state/national league sporting club with a high level of success.

d. Religious Vocation & Social Justice Leadership

Recognised significant and distinguished religious vocation and social justice leadership.

Automatic Eligibility for Consideration

Nominees might have been appointed as a bishop, congregational leader or an equivalent senior leadership position.

Consideration for Selection which may require additional evidence

Candidates might be a priest or brother with an outstanding record of service, layman advocate/worker or missionary, serving for social justice and humanity.