



SUNSHINE COAST
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2025 Special Awards Recipients

Uniting Church Christian Character & Service Award – Maya U

The Uniting Church Christian Character and Service Award goes to a Senior student in Years 11 or 12 who has demonstrated an active commitment to the Christian faith. This award recognises that the recipient has put their faith into action through participating in service opportunities sought to improve the lives of others.

This student is a humble, selfless and caring member of our school community. Often quiet and behind the scenes, the award recipient has shown a deep connection and commitment to their faith journey, being a wonderful example to other students as well as a valued member in the JOLT group.

Demonstrating a respectful attitude, this student makes time for others and has a heart of service, always ready to lend a helping hand. They have consistently displayed Christian character and service as they contributed to the rugby program, going above and beyond, supporting younger athletes and volunteering at events to build a strong culture of teamwork, encouragement and faith.

This award recipient is a truly outstanding ambassador for Grammar, showing passion and purpose in all that they do. They wholeheartedly engage with the school community and sports programs and have been a loyal, steady and caring friend to many. Their unwavering commitment and admirable character make them the most deserving recipient of this award.

Congratulations to this year's winner – Maya U.

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ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award – Molly E

The ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award recognises a student who demonstrates strong values, respect, teamwork and leadership both in, and beyond, the classroom.

This year's recipient has consistently led with integrity, empathy, and humility. As School Captain, she has shown that true leadership is not about position but about service, guiding her peers with a calm, thoughtful and inclusive approach. Her leadership is defined not by words alone but by action, consistently demonstrating care for others and the courage to step forward when needed.

Her influence has been felt across every aspect of school life. She unites people through her positivity, supports others with quiet determination and balances her responsibilities with unwavering commitment. Through her example, she has inspired her peers to value teamwork, respect and compassion.

Let's extend our congratulations to the recipient of the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award, **Molly E.**

ADF Future Innovators Award – Marley R

The ADF Future Innovators Award recognises a student who demonstrates innovation, motivation and a deep passion for STEM.

This year's recipient has shown outstanding curiosity and drive in Mathematics and Physics, always seeking to understand not just how problems are solved, but why. His Physics Research Investigation reflected this perfectly. After initially tackling the complexities of the Higgs Boson, he adapted with remarkable agility to explore Proton Beam Therapy and Bragg curves, producing a flawless 20/20 report within a very limited timeframe.

He has also been an integral contributor to the Emerging Technology Program at Sunshine Coast Grammar School. Beyond the accolades he and his peers have earned, he has left a lasting impact through mentoring, exemplifying best practices and fostering a culture of supportive and high-performing excellence. His engagement in Robotics further highlights his ability to turn complex concepts into practical, innovative solutions.

Please join me in congratulating the recipient of this year's ADF Future Innovators Award, **Marley R.**

Chorister of the Year Award – Tulsa H

We are thrilled to honour our 2025 Chorister of the Year, celebrating her exceptional dedication and impact within Grammar Music.

Throughout her school years, this student has been a driving force in the music community, serving as Music Captain in 2025 and consistently leading by example. She has brought depth and energy to a wide range of ensembles, including Bel Canto Choir, Bel Fine Choir and several rock bands —demonstrating remarkable versatility and musical flair.

This student's commitment has raised the bar for her peers. In her leadership role, she has inspired others through her artistry, integrity and tireless enthusiasm. Her impeccable attendance at rehearsals and performances speaks volumes about her professionalism and passion.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for her outstanding contribution to Grammar Music and warmly congratulate her on this well-earned recognition.

Well done Tulsa!

Instrumental Musician of the Year Award – Julian M

We are proud to present the 2025 Instrumentalist of the Year award to an exceptional and multi-talented musician.

As one of our 2025 Music Captains, this student has been a passionate and dedicated contributor to Grammar Music throughout his school years. A gifted guitarist, bass guitarist and vocalist, he has enriched numerous ensembles with his musical talents. This year, he has been a committed member of the Bel Canto Choir, Rock Band – “Near Death Experience”, Stage Band and Symphonic Band, demonstrating both versatility and leadership.

This student's musical growth has been remarkable and his involvement has set a high standard for others to follow. In his role as Music Captain, he has been a positive role model, inspiring his peers through both his musicianship and his unwavering commitment.

His impeccable attendance at rehearsals and performances reflects his professionalism and dedication. We thank him for his outstanding contribution to Grammar Music and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

Please join us in acknowledging Julian M, our Instrumental Musician of the Year for 2025!

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Global Citizen of the Year Award – Molly E

The Global Citizen of the Year is awarded to a student who has demonstrated fairness, empathy, inclusivity and leadership through their service in our school and the wider world.

This year's recipient has led the Grammar Green Team with vision and purpose, inspiring her peers to take responsibility for environmental action. She has mentored younger students and coordinated numerous charity events, supporting causes such as homelessness and education, always ensuring others felt included and empowered to contribute.

Her global outlook was evident on the 2025 Timor Leste tour, where she worked closely with schools, language centres and community groups. She supported fellow students in delivering English lessons, designed and organised activities for young children and created a video documenting the journey that brought the story of service and cultural connection back to the Grammar community.

She has also been instrumental in the growth of Grammar's Model United Nations program, helping establish the school's first teams, guiding them to the Queensland State Finals and mentoring new participants with patience and encouragement.

Calm, uplifting, and inclusive, she leads by example and her kindness knows no boundaries.

Please join me in congratulating our Global Citizen of the Year for 2025, **Molly E.**

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Principal's Award for Citizenship – Nirvan P

This student has a passion for his community which is nothing short of amazing. He takes the time to connect with, learn about and contribute to a wide range of social justice initiatives from homelessness to cancer care and everything in between.

He takes time for those around him and he cares about a world free from injustice. This student has been active in campaigning and fundraising for those he may never meet but he does so out of a strong sense of empathy and a passion for respect.

His unique personal qualities include:

- Kindness – He finds value in all people
- Character – He shows integrity in all situations
- Strength – He faces life with his chin held high and his shoulders back
- Sense of Humour – People are drawn to him, no matter their background

This student leads from within – bringing those around him alongside and not simply hearing their voices, but actively listening to their views and opinions. He is a truly selfless young man who has left a meaningful mark on the Grammar community.

In the words of one of our teachers, “He is one of those people who you are glad to have had as a part of your life. I believe that he has made me a better person.”

The 2025 Principal's Award for Citizenship is awarded to Nirvan P.

Principal's Leadership Awards

The Principal's Leadership Award is in recognition of the leadership shown by the School Captains and Vice-Captains.

These students have consistently demonstrated and lived the school values and have been exemplary role models for our current and future students.

Please join me in thanking our School Captains, Molly Evans and Nirvan Panesar, and our Vice-Captains, Zenna Pennay and Noah Hanson for their leadership during 2025.

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Maria Woods Award – Ella N

The Maria Woods Award honours the legacy of our past Principal, Mrs Maria Woods, recognising a student who embodies the values she lived by: kindness, compassion, energy, love and joy for life. Mrs Woods had the unique ability to make others feel valued and uplifted and this year's recipient reflects that same spirit in everything she does.

This student is a true force of nature — a pocket battleship. Though small in stature, her presence is immense. Her enthusiasm, wholehearted engagement and infectious energy inspire everyone around her. She has a rare ability to galvanise large groups, lifting their spirits and uniting them with passion and joy. She is the epitome of the “we not me” mentality, consistently placing the needs of others and the success of the group ahead of herself.

On the sporting field, she is relentless. Whether playing basketball, AFL, rugby or volleyball, her drive and positivity set the standard for her teammates. In house competitions she is equally powerful, rallying her peers with humour, encouragement and unwavering spirit at carnivals and meetings alike.

Her impact extends beyond sport. Around campus and at community events, her care, kindness, and infectious energy strengthen the bonds of our community. She leads not only through action, but through the relationships she builds, bringing people together and showing love for everything she does and for everyone she works alongside.

It is my honour to announce the recipient of the Maria Woods Award for 2025, **Ella N**.