



## Blazer braid, symbols and awards

### House braid

The House braid is required on the boys' blazer pockets from Year 7. The braid is in the colour of their House and is available from the Uniform Shop. Parents sew it across the top of the blazer pocket at home.



### Half House Colours (Year 7, 8 and 9)

Half House Colours are awarded annually for service to a boy's House. Half House Colours are the House colour braid with a single band of gold through the centre, a two coloured braid. The half colour braid replaces the single colour braid across the top of the blazer pocket. This braid is available from the Uniform Shop for parents to sew on to the top of the pocket.



## Blazer runs

There are multiple opportunities for boys to submit their blazers for embroidery of sports or cultural House awards and for the addition of braids and symbols. The process of submitting blazers for embroidery and braid work is known as a blazer run. The embroidery is arranged by the Uniform Shop on behalf of parents. The pocket must be removed from the blazer, embroidered and the lining opened for the pocket to be restitched onto the blazer.

Blazer runs follow the announcement of sports, cultural and House awards throughout the year. Boys and parents are notified through the daily bulletin and the weekly School notices of dates and times for blazer runs. Boys can bring their clean blazers to the Uniform Shop during the allocated times. If the boys miss the blazer run, they must wait for the next one.

The final blazer run of the year coincides with the embroidery of the senior braid on blazer cuffs of Year 10 students' blazers in preparation for Year 11. Due to the large number of blazers being submitted at this time, this blazer run is organised in House groups. Boys and parents are notified of times boys can bring in blazers through the daily bulletin and weekly School notices.

Blazer runs are staffed by a combination of Uniform Shop staff and trained volunteers. The Uniform Shop books time with professional embroiderers in advance and blazers are delivered to the embroiderers after they have been processed through the shop. All embroidery and braid work is charged to parents.

This blazer has:



- Honour pocket (gold laurel wreath at top of pocket plus gold around crest)
- Hill Half House Colours (gold band through orange braid on top edge of pocket)
- Hill House Colours (bull symbol) awarded in 2013 and 2014
- Volleyball Colours awarded 2014
- Soccer Colours awarded 2012, 2013 and 2014
- Soccer Honours awarded 2012 and 2014
- Athletics Colours awarded 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014
- Athletic Honours awarded 2013

## Sporting and activity Colours

Colours are awarded on an annual basis to boys who play more than half the games in a School first sporting team in a season, displaying the appropriate commitment to the team and the coaching staff. In activities, Colours are awarded for commitment and extended periods of commitment to an activity. In the case of cadet awards, a minimum of three years commitment is required to be eligible. The symbol of the code or activity is embroidered in gold thread and the year of achievement is placed below.



## Sporting and activity Honours

In sports, Honours are awarded on an annual basis to boys who have met the criteria for colours and have also gained selection in a State squad for that code or equivalent in the absence of a State team. In activities, there are discrete criteria for the award of Honours with exceptional commitment or achievement at the core of the award criteria. A gold wreath is embroidered around the year of award, under the symbol.



## House Colours (Year 10, 11 and 12)

House Colours are awarded for service to a boy's House annually. House Colours are [symbols](#) of each House with the year of the award underneath. These symbols are embroidered onto the blazer pocket by professional embroiderers. The year of award is indicated under the embroidered House symbol.



## Service awards

Service awards are made to Year 12 boys who are committed to a sporting code or activity for a number of years but never make the first team or do not meet the eligibility for colours in that sport or activity. This award is embroidered in silver thread.





## Senior braid

Boys in Year 11 and 12 are expected to have the gold and blue senior braid applied to the cuffs of their blazers.



## Prefect braid

Prefects are expected to have the Prefect braid applied to the outer edge of the lapels of their blazer (see photo below). Silver buttons are also replaced by gold buttons.



## Honour blazer

Boys with outstanding achievements may be awarded an Honour blazer, which has a gold Laurel design hand embroidered across the top of the blazer pocket. A minimum of three sporting or activity colours, along with an Honour in one of those activities is required to be considered for an Honour blazer.

