Merits

Purpose:
Merit Certificates aim to recognise meritorious endeavour, interest and effort by students in all facets of school life. They are available to all students in Years 7-11 and are presented at the Ouyen P-12 College Annual Presentation Evening.

Guidelines:
To receive a Merit, a student must:
- Achieve effort and behaviour ratings of Very Good or Excellent with 50% or more being excellent. A student receiving two Acceptable or below ratings may be eligible for a Merit award at the Level Coordinator’s discretion.

and

Students must have been actively and positively involved in at least three (3) of the following extracurricula areas
- Performing Arts - the College Revue, other drama presentations or Music performances (including the College Musical Evening) in a performing or support capacity.
- Public Speaking - the debating program or other public speaking opportunities/competitions.
- Sport – Positively and actively participate in all college based sporting events (swimming, biathlon, cross country, athletics)
  or
  – At least two of the available interschool competitions (swimming, cross country, athletics, winter/summer games) and at recommendation of Sports Coordinator.
- Curriculum Extension – non-compulsory subject competitions or extension work.
- Elected Administration - SRC/House organisation/leadership roles; with significant contribution and at recommendation of SRC Coordinator.

There may be students who have positively contributed to the school in other major school-based extracurricular activities or through exemplary assistance to staff or students in Technical/IT and other areas. Staff should report such contributions to level coordinators in writing.

Level Coordinators may rule a student ineligible due to:
- Suspension.
- More than one lunchtime detention.
- Persistent breaches of rules.
- Serious and/or inappropriate behaviour towards staff, students or school property at any time.

Students who are unable to participate in an event but have a medical certificate or other reasonable excuse supported by evidence and a history of preparation or clear intention of participating in an activity may be considered as satisfying that requirement (for one category only) at the discretion of the Level Coordinator.