Dear Principal,

Re: The Certificate of Commendation for Service to the Community

You are invited to recognise outstanding young Australians at your school.

The Order of Australia accords recognition to Australian citizens and residents for achievement or for meritorious service to Australia.

To achieve greater awareness of these awards within our younger population, the Order of Australia Association, NSW Branch, has established an annual Award that recognises outstanding service rendered to the community by secondary school students.

Schools play a leading role in our society and have the closest contact to our young people. Your assistance to identify deserving students at your school is deeply appreciated.

This year we celebrate the 16th anniversary of this Award initiated by Dr John Lincoln AM who is a member of our branch and the convenor since 1992. All awardees' names will be proudly published on our Association's website www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au recognising their achievement and their school for all the world to know.

Here is your school's opportunity to share the spirit of the Order of Australia by assisting us to identify role models amongst young Australians to advance Australia fair.

Should you have any questions about the Award or its objectives, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Doughty on 02 9419 7062.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Galvin OAM
Chairman
Order of Australia Association NSW Branch

To foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship and to uphold the high principles and prestige of The Order of Australia

The Order of Australia Association Limited ACN 008 612 664
THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

To the Head or Principal of
all Secondary Schools:

The Order of Australia Association (N.S.W. Branch) awards each year twenty Certificates of Commendation to students in N.S.W. Secondary Schools for service to the community in which the student lives or service to Australia in general (including service abroad). The Award is not for academic or sporting achievements per se and will be based upon the nomination of the Head or Principal of the school.

Nominations should extend only to those students who have shown exceptional merit, as the Award is limited to twenty each year. A nomination should be accompanied by a distinct description of the community service in question and be supported by statements of persons who are able to verify the same.

There are students who do not seek recognition but whose initiative and service should be recognised by the community at large. School Heads or Principals are in the best position to overview the accomplishments of those in their charge and we therefore invite you to nominate students for the Certificates of Commendation. You may wish to consult teachers or parents.

The Awardees will be selected by a panel of three eminent persons within the Order of Australia and who are representative of the wider community. The Certificates, together with a medallion, will be presented at a State level function. The Governor has presented the Certificates at Government House every year since 1994.

A form of nomination is enclosed and nominations should be forwarded on or before Friday 20th June 2008 to His Honour Dr. John Lincoln, AM, Order of Australia Association (N.S.W. Branch) PO Box 309, Roseville NSW 2069.

(Please note that nominations close earlier this year)
THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

NOMINATION

I, .................................................................................. Head/Principal
of ................................................................................. School, Phone No ..................
Address .................................................................................. Postcode
Nominate ............................................................................. for a Certificate of Commendation.

NOMINEE:

Name of Student: ..............................................................................................
Address: ...........................................................................................................
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School: ............................................................................................................
Age of Student: ......................

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE


VERIFICATION

Details of persons who are able to verify the student’s service (signify with asterisk * where a written statement by that person is included with this nomination).

Name: ............................................................................................................. Phone No:
Address: ........................................
Occupation: ................................
Name: ............................................................................................................. Phone No:
Address: ........................................
Occupation: ................................
Name: ............................................................................................................. Phone No:
Address: ........................................
Occupation: ................................
AWARDS 2007
Certificate of Commendation and Medallion

Stuart James Anderson
(Wellington High School)

Janis Auzins
(Model Farms High School)

Caroline Banh
(James Ruse Agricultural High School)

Benjamin Bird
(St Edwards College)

Fiona Chong
(Sydney Girls High School)

Matthew Coulton
(The Armidale School)

Grace Davidson
(Westpoint High School)

Samantha Diamond
(Southern Cross School)

Janu Gnanamurthy
(Cheltenham Girls High School)

Edward Gulson
(Knox Grammar School)

Ateka Hammoud
(Beverly Hills Girls High School)

Bronwyn Hughes
(St Mary Star of the Sea College)

Julia Kingston
(Pymble Ladies College)

Mitchell Leggo
(Epping Boys High School)

Celli Lloyd
(Bulli High School)

Kamley Lyndon
(Southern Cross School)

Joshua Lucas
(St Edwards Christian Brothers College)

Alicia McPherson
(Alstonville High School)

Dayle Raftery
(Tamworth High School)

Cristina Scalova
(Tooleybuc Central School)

Melissa Smith
(Forbes High School)