



The Order of Australia

*The Order of Australia Association
South Australia Branch*

“Fostering love of and pride in Australian Citizenship”

Junior secondary students are expected to :

- research the work of a non-government organisation, philanthropist, community group or religious group and how and why they contribute to the Australian community
- explore ways that individuals contribute to civic life (for example, by volunteering services to charities and service groups, becoming a Justice of the Peace, making submissions to public enquiries, attending public meetings, serving on local government bodies and providing voluntary help at schools and nursing homes)
- discuss how the Australian Honours System recognises, celebrates and says thank you to those who make a difference and serve others
- understand how the Australian Honours System works, including the types of awards and how they are announced and presented



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- **The Order of Australia** is an order of chivalry established on 14 February 1975 by Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia.
- It's about recognising those people in the community whose service and contributions have had the effect of making a significant difference to Australian life or, more broadly, to humanity at large.





INSIGNIA DESIGN



THE DESIGN FOR THE INSIGNIA WAS CONCEIVED BY MR STUART DEVLIN AO CMG IN 1976. USING THE LIVERY COLOURS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA COAT OF ARMS—GOLD AND ROYAL BLUE—HE TRANSLATED AN INDIVIDUAL BALL OF WATTLE BLOSSOM INTO A SIMPLE CONVEX GOLDEN DISC WITH A RICH TEXTURE OF BEADS AND RADIATING LINES ACCENTUATING A RING OF BLUE ENAMEL REPRESENTING THE SURROUNDING SEA. THE DISC IS SURMOUNTED BY AN ENAMELLED CROWN SIGNIFYING THE POSITION OF THE SOVEREIGN AS HEAD OF THE ORDER. THE BLUE AND GOLD THEME IS CONTINUED IN THE RIBBON.

VARIOUS INSIGNIA ARE ILLUSTRATED IN DIFFERENT STYLES. THE ACTUAL PIECES FOR THE TWO DIVISIONS OF THE ORDER ARE IDENTICAL: TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE DIVISIONS, THE RIBBON FOR THE MILITARY DIVISION HAS A NARROW GOLD BAND ON EACH EDGE. THE STYLE OF MOUNTING MAY VARY ACCORDING TO THE WISHES OF THE RECIPIENTS.



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- **The Order** recognises Australian citizens and other persons for outstanding achievement and contributions or meritorious service to Australia or humanity.
- Post nominals : AC, AO, AM, OAM
- The **Chancellor** of The Order of Australia is the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (ret'd)





The Order of Australia Association

is an association of recipients of awards in the Order.

The objects are:

- to raise public awareness about the Order of Australia and promote high quality nominations for honours and awards that reflect the diversity of the Australian community;
- to support young Australians as they prepare for their careers and encourage them in service to the nation; and
- to provide opportunities for recipients of honours and awards in the Order of Australia to build networks with other recipients.

Why do societies have Honours Systems?

- Do you think it is a good idea to have awards and honours systems?
- Does your school have an honours award(s)?
- What are the awards for?



Do you recognize these famous Australians?



The Australian Honours System celebrates the outstanding achievements and contributions of Australians in a diverse range of fields and areas of endeavour.


When are these Awards announced and how are these Awards presented?

Can you provide an example of a “local” individual who has been recognized with the Order of Australia for his or her contribution to civic life?

What sort of actions, service or activities do YOU think should be recognised by the Order of Australia?

If you want to nominate somebody for the Order of Australia, how would you go about it?





Can you think of a person whom **you think** should be nominated for an Order of Australia Award?

For this person, how would you go about collecting the information you need to complete the online nomination form including :

- A short case of why/who you are nominating:
 - Examples of how they have demonstrated outstanding qualities
 - What they have done to make things better for others
 - The role(s) or area(s) in which they have excelled
 - The period of time, or dates of service (if known)
 - Evidence of other awards or recognition received by the nominee
- Names and contact details four referees.

Thank you

Any questions or
comments?

