

A young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a white shirt and a dark skirt, is walking away from the camera on a paved path. She is carrying a large, bright pink backpack with a paisley pattern. The path is bordered by a yellow wall on the left and a set of stairs on the right. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

MEANDER VALLEY SCHOOL AWARD

Guidelines



This document outlines how
Meander Valley Council
administers the Meander Valley
School Award.

We take a grounded and practical approach,
ensuring projects reflect the needs and aspirations
of our community. Grants are awarded to initiatives
that enrich our Valley—whether by strengthening
connections, supporting local organisations, or
enhancing the places we call home.

This document outlines how Meander Valley Council administer the Meander Valley School Award.

What is a Meander Valley School Award?

- This award is an incentive and recognition award offered to Meander Valley school students that demonstrate, throughout the school year, values that align with Meander Valley's Community Strategic Plan values and Place Brand principles.
- The Meander Valley School Award is part of Council's Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund to which an amount is allocated annually.

Who is eligible for an award?

- All Department of Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) Schools in the Meander Valley local government area are eligible for a Meander Valley School Award. Each Meander Valley (DECYP) School will be responsible for selecting one student to receive this award at their annual presentation evening.

All Meander Valley (DCEYP) Schools are eligible. A Community Wellbeing staff member will contact each of these eligible schools in October to discuss the award and the specific award criteria that is planned for your School.

Schools will need to submit the following details to Council:

- The date and time of their award presentation evening;
- A School contact person;
- Their nominated student award winner;
- Whether it is suitable for a Councillor or Staff member to present the award.
- The nature of the award they are presenting and its alignment with the Meander Valley's Community Strategic Plan values and Place Brand principles.

| 3

What is the value of the Award?

- The Meander Valley Award will be to the value of \$150 and schools are only eligible for one award per year.

When will the award be provided to schools?

- The award funding will be processed prior to the school hosting its annual presentation evening.
- Schools will be encouraged to invite a Meander Valley Council representative (Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor or staff member) to present the award at the presentation evening.

How will schools be paid?

- On receipt of all required information, an invoice and completed EFT form, Council can pay the award amount via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

What is the process for receiving the award from Council?

A Community Wellbeing team member will be in contact with each of the eligible schools in October to discuss the award, the criteria and the presentation requirements.

Award criteria can include reference to Meander Valley values such as:

- Inclusiveness through sharing, embracing diversity, fostering belonging and strengthening connections;
- Environmental stewardship via protecting and preserving our natural environment;
- Being Innovative and creative from demonstrating innovative ideas and treading your own path forward;
- Acknowledging Heritage: by honouring, practising and preserving our natural or cultural heritage; and
- Being collaborative through working together as a team to bring a vision to life.

If you need more information, please contact Council on [6393 5300](tel:63935300).

Confidentiality

The Council may use and disclose the information provided by applicants for assessing applications under the program guidelines and decisions on successful applicants. Council is also required to report the name and dollar value of successful grant applications.

Governance

As part of the Council's governance process, the Council may publicise the level of financial assistance and the identity of the business recipient from the grant program.

Right to Information

Information provided to the Council may be subject to disclosure in accordance with the Right to Information Act (2009).

Personal Information Protection

Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act (2004) and the Council's Personal Information Protection Policy. This information may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates, on request to the Council.

Disclaimer

Although care has been taken in the preparation of this document, no warranty, express or implied, is given by the Council, as to the accuracy or completeness of the information it contains. Council accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage that may arise from anything contained in or omitted from or that may arise from the use of this document. Any person relying on this document and the information it contains does so at their own risk. Council does not accept liability or responsibility for any loss incurred by an applicant that is in any way related to the program.

