

## Cornerstone Award Descriptors

### **Reaching for the sky - (effort)**

- Always getting better
- Personal growth
- Sets goals
- Achieves goals
- Willing to try new things
- Determined
- Doesn't let obstacles get in the way, will keep trying
- Persistence

Students who are reaching for the sky know that by putting more effort into their learning they will experience greater achievements. They are able to set and measure personal goals, recognise their achievements and continually work to improve. They may have made great progress or just be clear on what they want to achieve and how they are going to get there. Determination to overcome obstacles and persistence when things get hard, are attributes of these students.

### **Excelling through effort – (excellence)**

- High standards
- Persistent
- Listens to feedback and feed forward to improve
- Focussed
- Hard working
- Conscientious
- Role model for others

Students who are excelling through effort, work to a high standard. They respond to feedback and welcome constructive criticism, work conscientiously, focus on every task and use the feed forward to improve their work. They are always willing to demonstrate for others and offer ideas. Within our school they are a role model in terms of learning attributes, focus and excellent work standards.

### **Nurturing the human spirit – (school spirit/ interpersonal)**

- Empathetic

- Compassionate
- Caring / kind
- Raising the moral of others
- Has a positive self belief
- Inner desire to help others
- Encouraging
- Balances helping and standing back to encourage

These students demonstrate kindness, and a caring and encouraging attitude to those around them. The happiness and comfort of peers and staff is important to them; they often lift the spirits of others. They are always on the look out to contribute acts of good service – seen or unseen. Their inner desire is to make life enjoyable and comfortable for others by their own positive contribution.

#### **Leading the Way – (role model / forward thinking)**

- Contributes to things in the classroom and/or school
- Initiative
- Role model
- Acts as a leader visibly and behind the scenes
- Helping others
- Reliable
- Inclusive
- Knows it is Ok to be different

Students who are leading the way are initiators; they identify or support what needs to change and work to see it happen – either with encouragement or under their own direction, and take others with them. Visibly or behind the scenes, they make active contributions to the development of their class or the whole school. Being reliable, enthusiastic and accepting, their personal mana attracts others. They show dedication to making a difference in a positive way.