

# Meriden cadets honoured for their exceptional service

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At the end of last term, Meriden cadets joined their fellow members of the Trinity Grammar School Army Cadet Unit (TGSACU) for the annual Ceremonial Parade. The parade marked the end of the 2022-2023 Cadet training year. It also provided the opportunity to farewell our esteemed Year 12 cadets, Meriden's first cohort to have completed the Cadets program in its entirety since commencing in Year 8.

The Unit was honoured to have MAJ Sarah Winter (Class of 1986), a distinguished Meriden Old Girl with a background in the Australian Defence Force, serve as the reviewing officer for the parade. MAJ Winter, who has served as a nursing officer, midwife officer and intensive care nurse in the ADF, conducted a meticulous inspection of the cadets at the parade. Her presence inspired the cadets to showcase their skills and discipline with utmost pride and enthusiasm. Additionally, MAJ Sarah Winter presented awards to outstanding cadets within the Unit.

Sixteen Meriden girls were acknowledged for their exemplary service to, and performance in, the TGSACU. This year, RSM W01 Sophie Brennan received the Commanding Officer's Award for Outstanding Drill Squad Leadership after leading the TGSACU to victory in the prestigious CAS Drill Competition.

The Joseph Sword, known as the highest honour of the day, was bestowed upon CUO Zoe Wang. The distinguished award symbolises Zoe's unwavering commitment to the welfare and growth of her fellow cadets under her command. Her compassionate and considerate approach to leadership has made a profound impact, making her a deserving recipient of this esteemed recognition.

Congratulations to the following cadets who received awards:

## **The MAJ (AAC) Aikman Award for Best Recruit Cadet**

CDT Mamshi Arun – Charlie Company

CDT Irini Paleologos – Delta Company

CDT Annabelle Whitfield – Echo Company

## **The MAJ (AAC) Aikman Award for Best Trained Cadet**

CDT Varnikaa Kannan – Alpha Company

CDT Ava Watson – Bravo Company

## **Surgeon Generals Award for Most Outstanding Cadet – Support/HQ Company**

CPL Punyashree Khan – Head Quarters Company

## **21 Construction Regiment – Most Outstanding Sergeant**

SGT Anya Gupta – Charlie Company

### **COL (AAC) Christie Trophy – Most Outstanding JNCO**

CPL Esther Hsu – Delta Company

### **Adventure Training Award 2023**

CUO Adelaide Loane – Cadet Executive XO

WO1 Sophie Brennan – Cadet Executive RSM

### **The Commanding Officers' Commendation for Outstanding Leadership**

WO2 Cassandra Seeto – CSM – Alpha Company

CUO Paige Kalipciyan – Platoon Commander – Alpha Company

CUO Ashley Jackson – Company Commander – Echo Company

WO2 Andrea Cheng – Platoon Commander – Alpha Company

CUO Annika Bowden – Company Commander – Charlie Company

### **Ogier Ceremonial Drill Trophy**

WO1 Sophie Brennan – Cadet Executive RSM

### **Bronze Commanders Commendation for Outstanding Drill Squad Leadership**

WO1 Sophie Brennan – Cadet Executive RSM

### **The Joseph Sword**

CUO Zoe Wang – Most Pastoral CUO – Training Officer TGSACU – Cadet Executive

### **Mrs Fiona Brennan**

Coordinator of Cadets

# Cadets Ceremonial Parade



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