



Cultural Assembly Awards 2026

Friday 21 August 2026

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Ethics Olympiad

Hanxi (Cicy) Chen

Samuel Hu

Daniel Kenyon

Fraser Walls

Angela Yang

Speech and Drama

Teresa Steiner

Sylvia James

RuoLin (Lauren) Li

Logan Scott

Poetry Aotearoa Yearbook Student Writing Competition 2025

Highly Commended:

Tom Heiler

Katrina Wallis

Jinyang (Yang) Zhang

Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2025

Hudson Blyde

Waitaha English Writing Competition 2025

Heidi Smith

St Andrew's College Secondary Creative Writing Competition 2025

Angus Davidson

Katie Chan

Cherng-En (Queenie) Ho

Hanxi (Cicy) Chen

Lucy Binnie

Heidi Smith

National Flash Fiction Day International Writing Competition

Ellie Zhou

Ellarose Wang

Thomas Ambury



New Zealand Poetry Society International Poetry Competition 2026

Elissa Croy

Thomas Ambury

Emma Zhang

Jack Foley

CULTURAL AWARDS

Chess

Alex Manson

Luke Manson

Aleksey Koulanov

Anthony Song

Debating

Hanxi (Cicy) Chen

Lachlan Hackston

DANCE AWARDS

Ballroom Dance

Holly Hembry

Ballet – Elish Johns Trophy

Victoria Cairns Knight

Femke McLean

Ballet – Examinations

Emma Voriskova

Sophie Orman

Frederick Paterson

Siara van Nobelen

Athena Preuss

Kalisa Zhang

Lucia Marshall

Neve Aitken

Highland Dance

Sarah McCarthy

Evelyn Lowe

Samantha Bilton

Sofia Sneddon

Georgia Gregg

Dance Revue Promotion



Clara-Jane Long
Femke McLean

Art Competition

Introduction: ZiZhen (Wendy) Wang, Sofiya Vernihor-Hay, Harry Prior

MUSIC AWARDS

New Zealand Chamber Music Competition

Yutian (Tianna) Chen
Yuxin (Alice) Chen
Cheryl Teng
Caleb Waines
Ethan Waines
Ary Son
Ryan Teng
Selena Zhang
Ethan Zhao

Choir

Jinyang (Yang) Zhang

Ōtautahi Vocal Competitions

Samuel Hu
Sofia Buckley
Emerson Wilke
Emily Watt
Angela Yang

Jazz – Soul Band – Nelson Jazz Festival

Yuxin (Alice) Chen to receive on behalf of the band

Ara JazzQuest

Edward Park
Mason Gauld

Play It Strange Songwriting

Chloe McFedries
Violet McInnes
Evelyn Lowe

SERVICE TO PRODUCTION

Alice Howard
Scarlett Ryan
Charlie Bisphan



Isla Kempthorne
Lucy Binnie
Emily Watt
Oliver Hill
Sylvia James

AWARDS

Colour Awards and New Zealand Representative

NZSSSO 2026

Xinyi (Alicia) Chen
Yuxin (Alice) Chen
Yutian (Tianna) Chen
Baizhen (Tony) Chen
Alexander Dy
Ary Son and National Youth Orchestra (NYO)
Cheryl Teng and National Youth Orchestra (NYO)
Mila Yin and National Youth Orchestra (NYO)
Hao Bo (Terence) Yang
Ethan Waines
Selena Zhang
Jinyang (Yang) Zhang – NZSS Choir

Colour Awards

Debating

Hanxi (Cicy) Chen
Lachlan Hackston

Drama

Charlie Bisphan
Scarlett Ryan
Annie Young

Highland Dance

Sarah McCarthy

Music

Hamish Bilton
Oliver Hill
Ethan Lam
Annie Young
Ary Son
Cheryl Teng
Jinyang (Yang) Zhang