**Work Expectations**
These points are awarded for the active participation in class activities, completing homework and assignments and being prepared for class activities and are reflected in the end of semester reports under *effort*.

- Outstanding = 5 points
- High = 4 points
- Satisfactory = 3 points
- Limited = 2 points
- Very Limited = 1 point

*These are automatically credited to each student.*

**Part Time Work**
Students must have been working for at least 10 weeks per semester. Evidence of employment is required e.g. payslips, letter from employer (1 point per semester).

**Personal Challenge** points are negotiable to a maximum of 5 points in each year.
The challenge and the points allocated must be negotiated with the Head of Senior School and approved by the Principal before commencement. Challenges need to be specific and measurable.

**How to Claim your points**
Students claim their points by completing a claim form, available from tutor group teachers and Student Services. Students must have it verified by a staff member; sports coach etc. and submit it in the points box at Student Services.

**All point claim forms are expected to be submitted to Student Services by Friday:**
- **Year 9:** Week 8, Terms 2 and 4
- **Year 10:** Week 8, Terms 2 and 3
  - Week 6, Term 4

**Gold Creek Merit System**

**Graduation Points Years 9 and 10**
To graduate students must earn a minimum of 240 points over Years 9 and 10. New students to the school will earn points on a pro-rata basis (60 points per semester).

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Successful graduation can be achieved by simply meeting all course requirements and participating in expected school activities.
Units of Study

Students gain 5 points for each semester course they successfully complete [D grade or better or status]. Where the course of study is subject to an Individual Learning Plan and the student is successful in meeting the goals of the ILP, this will generate 5 points per subject even if no grade is awarded.

*These points are automatically credited to the student.*

Academic Activities

- Competitions e.g. Science, Maths Informatics, English etc., 1 point each
- Debating Team, 2 points
- Maths Enrichment, 1 point
- NAPLAN, 1 point
- Work Experience and completion of log book (5 points)

Active Participation in School Life (1 point per semester unless otherwise indicated)

- Carnival Attendance
- Active participation in Personal Project
- Pathways—suitable and well documented entries
- Punctuality (no late notes or truancy), ½ point per week
- Uniform compliance (wearing correct uniform including footwear), ½ point per week. Jackets/Jumpers should be plain navy.
- In Term 2 & 3 an additional ½ point per week when the correct Jacket/Jumper is worn.

*Points will not be given for PARTIAL uniform or uniform with added garments such as coloured undershirts.*

Special Programs

Points awarded for programs are dependent on the length of commitment.

- Half day per week, per term: 2 points per semester e.g. Young Carers, Messengers, Reading/Homework Tutor, PCYC, Musicorp, school based Student Services Programs
- Full day per week, per term: 5 points successful participation
- Road Ready, 1 point on successful completion

Sport and Recreation (1 point each)

- School representative in a sport
- Zone representative in a sport
- ACT representative in a sport
- Australian representative in a sport
- Coaching a school team
- Significant participation in Sporting Carnivals

Community and Volunteer work (1 point each)

- Guide or assist at school functions e.g. Year 6 transition visits, open night, parent information evenings, discos, School Band Performances at school etc
- Student representation at official forums
- Ongoing sanctioned volunteer work in the community
- Door knocks e.g. Red Cross, St Vincent De Paul, Salvos etc
- Coaching a school team