

DUKE OF EDINBURGH | BRONZE AWARD OVERVIEW

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a self-development programme open to all young people between the ages of 14 and 25. The Award is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals appropriate to their abilities and potential. There are three levels of Award participation, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Bronze Award requires participation in four areas that cover service to the community, skill development, physical recreation and an expedition. The first three areas have time provisions attached. Students must be aware of these in their planning, particularly as they look forward at the activities they intend to count towards their award.

To achieve the Bronze Award, participants usually allocate three months of time toward two of service, skill or physical activity. The Award requires that involvement in the third component lasts for a minimum of six months. These time commitments can be done concurrently.

The Oxley College Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader, Mr Tim Dibdin, will assist students as they progress through the different levels of the Scheme, and Oxley has undertaken to identify relevant co-curricular activities that can be used by participants. In addition to this, the College will organise certain events in order to provide specialist training and ensure safe and fully supervised activities.

The Adventurous Journey component of the awards requires a practice and qualifying trip to be undertaken by students. At the Bronze level, the expedition is of a two day one night duration. For Year 9 and 10 students there are two extended opportunities to achieve the Adventurous Journey component in the form of hikes on the following dates:

- * Bronze Hike - After school Friday 8th – Sunday 10th April
- * Bronze/Silver Hike – Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th December
- * Silver/Gold Qualifier Saturday 9th – Tuesday 12th April
- * Silver/Gold Qualifier Saturday 10th – Tuesday 13th December

These opportunities meet the Bronze requirements for Adventurous Journey.

In order to manage any risk associated with expeditions, Oxley requires that appropriate planning and risk assessment is undertaken for all activities. To maintain a high standard of safety for all College participants, the expedition hikes will utilise accredited outdoor education providers and group leaders that will be accompanied by Oxley staff members. We feel that this removes the need for students to operate independently and allows for all aspects of the expedition requirements to be met.

Students are encouraged to initiate and complete the components of the Bronze Award and should contact Mr Dibdin before the commencement of any activities.

From the beginning of 2016 the following Duke of Edinburgh registration fees will apply:

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| Bronze | \$120.00 | Silver | \$125.00 | Gold | \$150.00 |
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Fees will be applied to school accounts once participants register.

There will be an evening information session held early in 2016 for Year 9 students and parents to talk more about the scheme and answer any of your questions. Please see the Oxley Website > Co-Curricular > Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme for additional information.