DUKE OF EDINBURGH | BRONZE AWARD OVERVIEW

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award is a self-development program 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, Ms Heidi Smart, 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 13th – Sunday 15th March
- Bronze/Silver Hike – After school Friday 4th – Sunday 6th September

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 Ms Smart before the commencement of any activities.

From the beginning of 2014 the following Duke of Edinburgh registration fees will apply:

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<tr>
<td>Bronze</td>
<td>$105.00</td>
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<td>Gold</td>
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The 2015 registrations fees are yet to be released. Fees will be applied to school accounts once participants register.

There will be an evening information session held early in 2015 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 Program for additional information.
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme

Oxley has a strong tradition of student participation in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. The Award’s aims of building confidence, teaching resilience, engaging with the community, developing leadership and furthering skills and talents are directly aligned with the College ethos.

The Award is based around four key components for the Bronze and Silver levels, while a fifth, the Residential Project, is required for Gold.

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Voluntary community service or specialised training such as a First Aid course;</th>
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<td>Skills</td>
<td>Involvement in a cultural or social activity that leads to a deeper knowledge of the subject and increased proficiency;</td>
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<td>Physical Recreation</td>
<td>Participation in an individual or group physical activity;</td>
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<td>Adventurous Journey</td>
<td>The completion of preliminary training and practice and qualifying expeditions; and,</td>
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<td>Residential Project</td>
<td>A shared activity involving voluntary training or service away from home.</td>
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Students at Oxley are in a unique position in relation to the completion of various aspects of the Scheme. The vibrant and diverse co-curricular environment at the College provides any number of opportunities and most students will find that they are currently involved in activities that can be counted toward the Award.

While there is a strong element of individual challenge that students must accept during their involvement with the Award, Oxley is committed to supporting the progress of all students.
The Award is an enriching program that invites young people between the ages of 14 and 25 to participate in a number of activities over a set length of time. Participation is entirely voluntary and is structured so Participants can design their own unique program centered around their interests and passions. The Award is available to all young people aged between 14 and 25. There are three levels to The Award: Bronze/Silver/Gold. Each level of The Award has four mandatory Sections:

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<td>Fitness/Physical Recreation</td>
<td>3 months</td>
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<td>Adventurous Journey</td>
<td>All Participants must complete an additional 3 months in either Fitness/Physical Recreation, Skill or Volunteering.</td>
<td>Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Fitness/Physical Recreation, Skill or Volunteering.</td>
<td>Participants who have not achieved a Silver Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Fitness/Physical Recreation, Skill or Volunteering. Please note that Participants who have completed Bronze but not Silver must undertake the additional 6 months for one Section.</td>
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<td>Residential Project</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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For each Section, the Participant must select and undertake an activity that fits in with the purpose of that Section, for the minimum amount of time specified for their chosen level. For example, a Participant may choose swimming for Fitness/Physical Recreation, drumming for Skill, assisting at a child care centre for Volunteering and a hiking expedition for Adventurous Journey. At every level, each Participant must be the required age, and must undertake the minimum required commitment for each Section, in order to achieve their chosen Award. A Participant does not have to achieve the Bronze and/or Silver Award in order to undertake the Gold Award, however they must meet the minimum age requirements. For every level of The Award, a Major Section must be chosen. This means that a Participant must choose to undertake their activity for either Fitness/Physical Recreation, Skill or Volunteering for an additional length of time. The additional length of time differs depending on the level. Please see following chart for details. The framework for The Award is:

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### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Contact Sport and Recreation for more information on 13 13 02 or email sportrec@communities.nsw.gov.au or visit www.theaward.com.au
Registering your interest for the Duke of Ed

1. Register your interest
   - Go to www.dukeofed.com.au and click on the “Register here” link
   - Select “Award Participant”, then click “Register”

2. Seek permission from your parent/guardian (if under the age of 18)
   - Get your parent/guardian to complete and sign the Parent/Guardian Consent- Section 2 of the Participant Application Form - U18, available at: www.dukeofed.com.au/Participant-Application-Form.html
     This completed form must be returned to your Award Leader
   - OR
   - Enter their email address when you register your interest online
     **Note:** Your parent/guardian will receive an email to give their consent online ONLY AFTER Step 3 is completed

3. Check for your “Validation” email and then click on the “verify email” link

4. Complete your school/organisation permission form (if required) and return it to your Award Leader (Coordinator)

5. Pay any fees required by your school/organisation

6. Complete a Participant’s Award Plan and return to your Award Leader
   
   A Participant’s Award Plan is available from your Award Leader or online at:

7. Award Leader approval of Assessors
   
   Your Award Leader must approve your Assessors before you start any Duke of Ed activities with them. If required, give them an Assessor Commencement Guide available from your Award Leader or online at:
   
   **Note:** Assessors should not be immediate family members

8. You MUST be ACCEPTED as a Participant by your Award Leader before starting ANY Duke of Ed activities
   
   **Note:** You will ONLY receive your Online Record Book Username and Password AFTER your Award Leader has accepted you online

9. There are 2 ways to record your Duke of Ed activities
   - **Online** - for information on how to use the IORB and to login go to:
   - **Offline** - use the NSW Offline Records, available from your Award Leader or online at: