

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed interest in accepting The Duke of Edinburgh's Award challenge! This is a rewarding journey full of friends, and an opportunity to create fun and unforgettable memories along the way. It will empower them to develop skills in time management, goal-directed behaviour and commitment, equipping them for whatever great things they choose to do in life. Within the award there are 4 sections:

- Physical recreation**      **Goal: Break a sweat and improve your physical fitness.** This could be through a team sport, individual challenge or simply getting out there and working up a sweat.
- Skill**      **Goal: Unleash your talents and broaden your abilities.** Anything from refereeing, to learning an instrument, to cooking. Do your thing!
- Volunteering**      **Goal: Connect with your community and realise your passions.** Any area of interest in the community, such as umpiring, environment, pet care – you choose.
- Adventurous Journey**      **Goal: Discover your sense of adventure and bond with your mates.** Get out there – bushwalking, kayaking, cycling, camping and urban adventure. Test yourself to the limits. You will never forget this experience.
- Residential Project (Gold only)**      **Goal: Broaden your horizons and open your eyes to the world.** Live away from home for a week, in Australia or anywhere around the globe. Limited only by your imagination.

There are also 3 Award Levels:

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Fitness	3 months	6 months	12 months
Skill	3months	6 months	12 months
Volunteering	3 months	6 months	12 months
<i>Major Section</i>	Plus an additional 3 months in either fitness, Skill or Volunteering	Plus an additional 6 months in either fitness, Skill or Volunteering	Plus an additional 6 months in either fitness, Skill or Volunteering
Adventurous Journey	2 days + 1 night	3 days + 2 nights	4 days + 3 nights
Minimum age to start	14	15	16
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$110</b>	<b>\$120</b>

### Why should they get involved?

**... The Award gives young people the recognition they deserve!**

The program recognizes that a young person's life education includes academic and non-academic activities. The aim of the program is to help get those non-academic activities that contribute towards self-development officially recognised and counted towards their Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCET) to assist the completion of schooling to the highest level possible.

**Bronze Award** = 10 NTCET credit points (1 semester of a year 11 subject)

**Silver Award** = 10 NTCET credit points (1 semester of a year 11 subject)

**Gold Award** = 20 NTCET credit points (1 semester of a year 12 subject)

➔ So the completion of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award can potentially contribute up to **20% of the Participant's NTCET!**

**For any further questions about the program, please contact your school Award Leader, Brodie Boyd-brodie.boyd@nt.catholic.edu.au (08) 8930 5757**