



# Holy Cross College, Ryde

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a self-development program available to all young people over the age of 14. The award is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their age and development. The award is offered at Holy Cross College to all students in Year 9 and above.

There are four requirements that must be met for a young person to qualify for an award: Volunteering, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journeys. These activities provide opportunities for students to acquire and develop skills, and build initiative and self-esteem, which will help them become more confident and contributing members of the community. The award is consequently, highly regarded by many employers.

Participants design their own program by selecting activities they are interested in, setting their own goals and striving to achieve their own potential. The award has three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Year 9 students will start at the Bronze level.

To obtain the Bronze Award students must complete the following sections:

1. **Skills** – A cultural or social activity must be pursued leading to a deeper knowledge and reasonable attainment of the skill. (3 months of regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour per week)
2. **Physical Recreation** – Participation in an individual or group physical activity. (3 months of regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour per week)
3. **Volunteering** – Voluntary unpaid community service is to be completed by the participant. (3 months of regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour per week)
4. **Adventurous Journey** – Complete preliminary training, a practice Journey and then a self-sufficient Qualifying Journey. (a total of 2 overnight trips)

*\*Note: All Bronze level participants must complete an extra 3 months in any one of sections 1 – 3 in order to qualify for the award.*

The entry fee for the Award is \$105, which covers online record book access, all certificates and badges, administration costs and insurances. The Adventurous Journeys will also incur a reasonably small cost, dependent on number of participants.

We hope you son will take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity to join this internationally recognised program. To learn more about the award go to [www.dukeofed.com.au](http://www.dukeofed.com.au). If your son is interested in participating in the award this year please complete the attached documents and have them returned to myself by Friday, 19 May. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [sean.craven@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sean.craven@syd.catholic.edu.au) or by phone on (02) 9808 1044.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sean Craven  
OUTDOOR EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Mr Michael Reid  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

# Please Return to Mr Craven by Friday, 19 May 2017

My son is interested in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program.

Parent's / Guardians Signature: .....

Son's Name: .....

HCT: .....

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*I hereby authorise Holy Cross College*

to charge my Credit Account for the amount of \$105.00

Card details:- (Please circle one)      Bankcard / Visa / Mastercard

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