



Holy Cross College, Ryde

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a participant in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this year, your son is required to complete various components in order to successfully achieve the award. One of these is the 'adventurous journeys' component, which requires students to complete two overnight expeditions; one practice and one qualifying journey. This year the journeys are comprised of a mountain bike leg and a hike completed over two days. The first of these journeys, the Bronze Practice Journey, will be completed on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 June in the Watagans National Park on the Central Coast of New South Wales.

Participants will be required at school by **6:15am on the Thursday 22 June** and will arrive back at school at approximately 4pm on the Friday, depending on traffic. Student will be transported to the Central Coast aboard the College minibus, driven by a member of staff. Each boy will be required to bring and carry with them all the provisions required for the two-day journey. The school will provide backpacks and tents, as well as advice regarding what to pack for the trip. The boys will also require a small 'day-pack', in which they will carry water and food for the mountain bike leg on the first day. Their large packs will be delivered to the campsite by the support vehicle and will be carried by the students on the hiking leg the following day.

The details for the trip are as follows:

Leave HCC:	Thursday June 22 at 6:15am.
Where:	Watagans National Park, Central Coast NSW
Arrive back at HCC:	Friday June 23 at 4pm (approximately).
Cost:	\$220

Cost includes:

- Return transport to and from the drop off points.
- Mountain bike and tent hire.
- Professional guide from The Australian Outdoor Education and Training Company.
- Support Vehicle and Driver
- Satellite Communication
- First Aid and Navigation Aids
- Tent and cooker hire (one per pair of students)

Student safety is of the highest priority for participants on the trip and a number of procedures are in place to ensure this. The highest standards are adhered to and risk management procedures are in place.

In order for your son to attend the expedition the attached medical information and payments forms need to be completed and returned to the college by Friday 16 June. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip or the Award in general, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9808 1022 or by email at sean.craven@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

Mr Sean Craven
OUTDOOR EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Mr Michael Reid
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

*Please Return to the Bursar
Friday, 16 June 2017*

I give my son permission to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition on Thursday, 22 and Friday, 23 June and I authorize the person in charge of the activity to consent where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my son's receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Parent's / Guardians Signature:

Son's Name:

HCT:

Contact Phone Numbers

WORK	HOME	MOBILE	MEDICARE NUMBER (for use at medical centres etc)

Medical Register Information: OHS

Please complete the following if necessary.

Is there any physical / medical / emotional reason that could impact on your son's health/safety during the excursion (e.g.: serious asthma / injury):

Please State: _____

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*I hereby authorise Holy Cross College
to charge my Credit Account for the amount of \$220.00*

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

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