



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 the 'Adventurous Journey' component of the program. This involves the completion of two overnight expeditions; one practice and one qualifying journey. After successful completion of the practice journey earlier this year, your son is now required to complete his qualifying journey.

The qualifying journey will take place from **Thursday 24 August to Friday 25 August 2017** in the Jenolan State Forest of the Greater Blue Mountains area.

Participants are required at school by 6:15am on Thursday 24 August and will arrive back at school at approximately 3:30 pm on Friday 25 August. Transport will be by minibus/van, to and from the start point near Jenolan Caves. Participants will be required to bring and carry with them all the provisions required for the two-day journey. The school will provide backpacks (if needed) and tents, as well as advice regarding what to pack for the trip. Participants 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 in the hiking leg the following day.

The details for the trip are as follows:

Depart HCC: Thursday 24 August at 6:30am.
Where: Jenolan State Forest, Blue Mountains NSW
Arrive back: Friday 25 August at 3:30pm (approximately).
Cost: \$240

Cost includes:

- Return transport to and from the drop off points.
- Mountain bike, fuel stove and tent hire.
- Professional guide from The Australian Outdoor Education and Training Company.
- Support Vehicle and Driver
- Satellite Communication
- First Aid and Navigation Aids

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 participate in the expedition the attached medical information and payments forms need to be completed and returned to the college by **Monday 21 August**. 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,


Sean Craven
OUTDOOR EDUCATION COORDINATOR


Michael Reid
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Please Return to Mr Craven by Monday, 21 August 2017

I give my son permission to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award on **Thursday 24 August – Friday, 25 August** 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 \$240.00
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

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

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