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Dear Parents/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 initial date for which was postponed and has been rescheduled to the dates below.

The qualifying journey will now take place from **Thursday 19 October to Friday 20 October 2017** in the Jenolan State Forest of the Greater Blue Mountains area.

Participants are required at school by 6:15am on Thursday 19 October and will arrive back at school at approximately 3:30 pm on Friday 20 October. 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 19 October at 6:30am.
Where:	Jenolan State Forest, Blue Mountains NSW
Arrive back:	Friday 20 October at 3:30pm (approximately).
Cost:	\$240

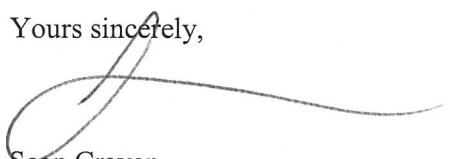
Cost includes:


- 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 Friday 13 October. 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 1033 or by email at sean.craven@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,


Sean Craven
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