

Barrenjoey High School

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Bronze 2021



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Barrenjoey High School is pleased to once again invite participants to begin their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2021.

I have attached information about the necessary dates, requirements, costs and expectations for the award scheme.

If your child is interested in completing their award in 2021 the attached permission form and payment need to be made to the treasurer by WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2021 (Sport selection day Term 1)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an internationally recognised award and is comprised of 3 sections; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Barrenjoey High School assists students to gain all of these awards.

The Bronze is undertaken in Year 9, Silver in Year 10 and Gold over Year 11 and 12.

The Award.

The Bronze Award consists of 4 main sections that are undertaken by the participant. All goals are self-directed and the focus is on demonstrating improvement not pass/fail criteria.

1. Skills.
Participants are to complete 1 hour per week over a 3 month (13 week) period of time. They are to set a goal of improving their existing skill competency or attaining a competency in a skill. For example – learning a musical instrument, practising cooking at home for the family, learning Australian Sign Language, Learning Beekeeping. etc
2. Physical Recreation.
Participants are expected to complete 1 hour per week over a 3 month (13 week) period of time. They are to set a goal for participation/improvement in their chosen sport. Some common examples are Soccer/Football, Physical fitness routines, Surfing (NASA comps or similar), Tennis etc.
3. Service to community.
Voluntary community service for 1 hour per week over a 3 month (13 week) period of time. Some common examples – mentoring/coaching a junior soccer/football team, participating in Bushcare groups, helping out the school canteen in preparing lunch orders etc.

One of the above components needs to be elected as a MAJOR component and extended to 6 months (26 weeks)

4. Adventurous Journey.

The Adventurous journey component is run by the school with the Outdoor Education Group (OEG) unless students cannot attend the Adventurous Journey- in which case they can catch it up participating in an “open AJ” run by a number of registered and approved providers. The Adventurous Journey at a Bronze level consists of 2 overnight trips, next year we are combining them into one trip. 3 days and 2 nights hiking.

The Adventurous Journey is a fabulous experience for students and staff alike. OEG have a large property adjoining Belanglo State Forest in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

OEG supply all of the hardware (tents, cookers, wet weather gear, packs etc) students only need bring themselves, clothes, food and a sleeping bag. A comprehensive list of what to bring etc will be provided before the event.

The dates of the Adventurous Journey will be Wednesday 16 June to Friday 18 June 2021. (Term 2 week 8) – This is our only Adventurous Journey for the year – IT IS AN EXPECTATION THAT STUDENTS SIGNING UP FOR THE AWARD WILL BE GOING.

For all sections of the Award students have an ‘assessor’ that is responsible for mentoring them and signing off that they have completed their goals. This assessor cannot be a member of their family and must have a WWCC and be over the age of 18. In most cases these are teachers/tutors/coaches etc.

Costs.

Registration for the Award is \$150 – this is passed on to the State Award Office. This fee covers administration of the online record book and insurance for all Duke of Ed activities.

Adventurous Journey – This will be finalised once we have confirmed numbers – it is expected that the 3 day trip will cost \$350 to \$400. There will be a deposit of \$150 due by WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH (Term 1 week 10)- This deposit secures your child’s place on the trip. It will only be refunded in the case of illness (Dr’s certificate) or misadventure, not change of mind/plans. I understand that these trips are expensive, however, the Award Scheme at the school is run as non-profit. Meaning that if your child signs up we budget for it. Should your child be unable to partake for whatever reason – we lose that money.

Other.

If your child elects to take part in the Duke of Ed Award in 2021 – this will be their chosen sport for Term 1. During this time we go through award training – helping the students to register for the award, select their activities and we go through what to pack/take for the adventurous journey, navigation and basic bushcraft.

Common Questions.

Any further info?

Sure thing! Go to www.dukeofed.com.au

We already have camping gear, can we do the Adventurous journey for cheaper?
No, OEG's business model is simple – they provide the gear, you are welcome to BYO, but it won't factor into costs. We have arrived here after running Adventurous Journey's at the school for 15 plus years – in the early days the trips were cheaper but students needed to bring their own gear – way more expensive prospect – particularly if your child decides it's not "their cup of tea"

What if its poor weather the week of the Adventurous Journey?
We only cancel our Adventurous Journey's in the case of fire, snow or pandemic. After all it's an ADVENTUROUS journey.

What happens if Covid-19 comes at us again?
Who knows? We keep smiling and try our best – if necessary we can move the dates of the journey – ultimately as this is a school activity we are bound by the Department of Education's rules.

I'm worried about my son/daughter taking part in the adventurous journey due to medical constraints/ disability etc.
No problem – The Duke of Ed award is focussed on being inclusive. One of the advantages of doing our journey's with OEG is they have a very comprehensive pre trip risk assessment and can accommodate all kinds of needs. They are the largest provider of Outdoor Education in Australia and have very well trained and professional guides.

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PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP

Student's Name: (Please print)

I give permission for my son/daughter to begin the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Parent/Guardian's Signature:.....Date:.....

Amount enclosed

- Cash ()
- Card Payments VISA/MASTERCARD To make payment call Treasurers Office – 9918 8811 Ext 109

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