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NBSC Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Permission Note

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The school would like to inform you of an excursion that has been arranged for your child's participation.

Date: Saturday 19 th October – Sunday 20 th Oct. OR Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 27 th Oct. OR Saturday 2 nd November – Sunday 3 rd Nov. OR Saturday 16 th November – Sunday 17 th Nov.	Type/ Purpose: Bronze Qualifying Hike, Duke of Edinburgh Award
Cost: \$199.00 is payable directly to Somerset in the online registration at www.campsomerset.com.au/duke-of-edinburgh.html Go to School Specific Expeditions - see attached letter for username and password.	Venue: Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre, 411 Upper Colo Road, Colo, NSW 2756 Please visit www.campsomerset.com.au/contact-us for a directional map.
Type of transport to venue: arrange own	Type of transport from venue: arrange own
Students meet at: Somerset Base Camp Time: 8.45-9.00am on Saturday	Place of dismissal from: Somerset Base camp Time: Students to be collected by 2:00pm
Clothing required: see Somerset on-line fact sheets*	Equipment required: see Somerset on-line fact sheets*
Teacher(s) accompanying excursion: Nil	Teacher in charge can be contacted on: Vicki Busse 0421 979613

*Somerset fact and information sheets available online at:

www.campsomerset.com.au/further-duke-of-ed-info-link.html

Registration: Registration for the hike involves two steps:

- Book on-line at Somerset's website - <http://www.campsomerset.com.au/> follow Duke of ED and school specific expeditions. See page 4 for username and password.
This also involves payment. Please refer to the Somerset PARENT LETTER attached and read and consent to the medical information as per the on-line steps.
- Complete the **NBSC Excursion parental consent** (page 3) and return to your campus office or via email to Vicki Busse by **Friday 27/9/19**.

Expedition details:

Day 1 – arrive 8.45-9am. Hike. Camp overnight.

Day 2 – Hike and depart 2pm

Transport: Parents and/or caregivers are to organise own transport to and from Camp Somerset Base Camp - arrive between 8.45am - 9am Saturday and pickup Sunday at 2pm. Please consider car-pooling.

Safety notes: During the expedition students will be under the care of Somerset staff, according to their Safety Management Plan. Ms Busse will attend some parts of the weekend, and will be on call during other times. Please ensure any medical issues are noted on the registration form and make Ms Busse and your Somerset supervisor aware of medical needs e.g. prescribed medicines, allergies, asthma.

Food and equipment:

Students are encouraged to eat a good breakfast on the day of departure to Somerset. You will need to pack lunch and dinner for Saturday, breakfast and lunch for Sunday and a mix of all-weekend snacks. Please also bring a 2litre water bottle. Somerset provide cooking equipment. You will need to plan to share parts of a 2-3 man tent and camp in pairs of the same gender. Tents may be hired from Somerset. Lists of what to bring and suggested food ideas are in the Somerset Fact Sheets on-line (see previous page).

Online Record Book (ORB)

Before complete your qualifying hike log in to the Online Record Rook and upload the details for the Qualifying Adventurous Journey. Add to the section and include the date, location, a journey goal and your assessors name (Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre) dukes@campsomerset.com.au

To be signed off for your Bronze Award you must submit a Journey Report to Camp Somerset – see link for details www.campsomerset.com.au/further-duke-of-ed-info-link.html

Please use the report template provided from Somerset or your Award Leader.

For further Somerset Information follow this link <http://www.campsomerset.com.au/index.php/duke-of-edinburgh> and refer to the parent letter on page 4 of this document.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION NOTE DUE BY: Friday 27th September 2019.

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Northern Beaches Secondary College

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EXCURSION PARENTAL CONSENT

NBSC Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Expedition

To be handed in or emailed (as a PDF) to vicki.busse@det.nsw.edu.au by **Friday 27th September 2019**

I hereby consent to my child/dependent _____ (full name) to participating in a performance/excursion to _____ involving travel by _____ on _____ (date) and home by _____ on (date) _____

Special needs of my child/dependent (e.g. allergies, dietary requirements)

Emergency Contact Details:

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Parent/ Caregiver: _____ Date: _____

My Child will be attending:

(please indicate)

HIKE 1: 19-20 October 2019

HIKE 2: 26-27 October 2019

HIKE 3: 2-3 November 2019

HIKE 4: 16-17 November 2019



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CONSENT FORM

Please tick:

- I have accurately completed the Somerset online medical form
- I have read, understood and acknowledged the Somerset Consent online

Name of Parent/Guardian providing consent: _____

Consenting Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

28 August 2019

Dear Northern Beaches Secondary Bronze Qualifying Parents/Carers,

Overview of Somerset

Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre has been offering outdoor programs and Duke of Ed expeditions to school students since the early 1980's.

We offer tent-based journeys from campsite to campsite across all Award levels: Hiking for Bronze, Pack & Paddle for Silver and the choice of River and Ridge or the Urban Odyssey for Gold!

Students are supported on their journey by our well-established infrastructure, our extensive support network and are accompanied by a qualified Group Leader for the entirety of the expedition. Students will be involved in a repack and gear check and will engage in necessary skills such as map reading and navigation, route planning and campcraft. Somerset aims to develop student relationships with the outdoors, and with each other, in an environment that requires initiative, perseverance, adaptability and a sense of responsibility. Our Duke of Ed programs provide students with the opportunity to reach out of their comfort zones and to embark on positive risk-taking initiatives both of which are crucial to their development as they emerge from adolescence to adulthood.

Somerset is a Registered Activity Provider with the Duke of Ed and supports the ethos and ideals of The Award.

Adventurous Journey Expedition Dates

Hike 1 | Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 October

Hike 2 | Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 October

Hike 3 | Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 November

Hike 4 | Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 November

How to Access the Online Camp Information and Medical Form

1. Please go to www.campsomerset.com.au
2. Select *Duke of Ed* in the Menu > Click the box *School Specific Expeditions*
3. Enter [Login details](#):
 - o Username - [nbscbronze](#)
 - o Password - [nbsc2019](#)

Completing the Online Camp Medical Form and Consent Form

1. [Please complete the necessary personal and medical fields.](#)
2. You will also have options to hire or purchase any equipment you may need
3. Once the Online Camp Form has been completed you will receive a summary of these details onscreen – *Please*: click 'Next Step' at the bottom of this pending screen to complete the submission.
4. A Confirmation will be emailed to you.
5. A [Somerset Consent](#) must be acknowledged and signed for. There is an online acknowledgement and a section within the school permission form to provide your signature.
6. There are links to the Equipment List, Useful Packing Tips and FAQs.

Equipment

- A link to the Equipment List will be found in the Confirmation email.
- Please also refer to our website for useful equipment selection and packing tips.
- If you wish to purchase any equipment from us at a later date, this can be done up until the midnight prior to camp. Please visit the Store on our website: www.campsomerset.com.au

Transport and Location

Students need to make their own transport arrangements to and from Somerset. The drop off and collection location for all students is Somerset, which is located at 411 Upper Colo Road, Colo NSW 2756. Please note there is limited mobile reception in the Colo Valley, if assistance is required phone (02) 9483 9350. Toilets, water, tea/coffee are available if required before returning home.

Further Information

Please navigate our website for information about Somerset and our programs or contact the Schools Administration Team via the contact details noted above.

We look forward to seeing the students at camp.
Regards the Somerset Team!