

Northern Beaches Secondary College

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD



Bronze Award 2021

Student Information

NOTE

- To commence the Bronze award in 2021 you must be 14 or approaching your 14th birthday
- There are several steps to register - Follow the timeline **Getting started in 2021**
- Make sure your email address is correct, consistent and current across all documents.
- Registration is due **Term 1 Week 4 – Friday 19th February 2021** to your campus front office or via email to the co-ordinator lyndsay.dowsett2@det.nsw.edu.au
- Payment is to be completed online via the *NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus* website only.

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- General Information
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Information, registration and permission notes for Somerset Practice Hikes will be emailed directly to registered students in Week 5. Please also check the NBSC College website often for further and ongoing information and updates nbsc.schools.nsw.gov.au (see College opportunities).



Dear Parent and Student,

Thank you for your interest in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program. The opportunity to pursue the Award is offered to Northern Beaches Secondary College students in Year 9 and above. Students must be turning 14 to commence the Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award began in the UK in 1958. The Duke believed that young people should be helped to develop their individual interests in a real-world setting. His idea was to provide young people with a challenging program of activities that encourages self-reliance, initiative and effort. Recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Award are highly regarded by potential employers and universities for their commitment, leadership, compassion and organisational abilities both nationally and internationally, identifying them as being **#worldready**.

Attention to detail in organizing, logging and reporting activities along the way in the Award program is paramount. Students must be diligent in recording progress.

For information regarding the Award structure and requirements of Northern Beaches Secondary College students refer to the content in this booklet. For further Parent/caregiver information relevant to the Award in Australia go to <https://dukeofed.com.au/doing-the-award/for-parents/>

Adventurous Journey Expeditions

Each student participates in a Practice and Qualifying Hike, which includes preparation and training. In the interest of safety and so that we can offer a comprehensive program, NBSC outsources expeditions to *Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre* in the Colo River region, just beyond Windsor in Sydney's West. Somerset is a professional and well-regarded family-owned business who have been operating for over 30 years in the Outdoor Education industry. They provide qualified and experienced instructors, have access to 24-hour state of the art remote communication equipment and weather tracking devices as well as comprehensive first aid training and equipment. **Note:** NBSC teaching staff do not attend these expeditions. Duty of Care is given by Somerset staff.

Information and permission notes regarding the Practice Expeditions will be emailed to registered participants by Week 5. Four options for each are offered to avoid significant clashes with school and weekend commitments. Please check your email in-box for booking instructions and the College website nbsc.schools.nsw.gov.au

Fees

The following fees can be expected to participate in the Duke of Ed. program in 2021:

- \$170 Duke of Ed Registration fee. Payable to NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus as part of the Duke of Ed registration process. The fee includes State Duke of Ed. registration, insurance, administration and the bus fare to Somerset (*one way / practice hike only*).
- \$395 Expedition fee for a 3-night combo hike: 1 day of preparation and training and 2 days qualifying hike (meals included). *Paid directly to Somerset*.
- Other incidental costs at own expense (e.g. pack, shoes, waterproof clothing, cooking utensils, freeze dried meals, tent hire). Equipment hire & purchase is available from Somerset at a very reasonable cost. Please check their website for cost of items.

NBSC Hike Dates 2021

BRONZE COMBO HIKES 3 days, 2 nights (includes 1-day Preparation and Training)	
Option 1 Friday 5 th – Sunday 7 th March 2021 (T1 Week 6)	Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre, Colo River, Upper Colo
Option 2 Sunday 25 th – Tuesday 27 th April (T2, Week 2)	Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre, Colo River, Upper Colo
Option 3 Friday 14 th – Sunday 16 th May (T2, Week 4)	Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre, Colo River, Upper Colo
Option 4 Friday 28 th – Sunday 30 th May (T2, Week 6)	Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre, Colo River, Upper Colo

Transport

Combo Hike - a coach is arranged to take students to the start of the Practice Hike on the Friday. Parents are to arrange private pick-up at 2pm Sunday from Somerset. Consider car-pooling.

Registration steps

There are a couple of steps required to register and begin the Bronze Award. Please refer closely to the timeline “Getting started in 2021” distributed at Information night and available on the NBSC website. To secure your child’s place and to ensure a smooth start please adhere to the program deadlines and complete all information in full.

Registration due by Friday 19th February 2021.

Assessors

Identifying an appropriate assessor who will support and guide the participant throughout their involvement is an integral part of doing the Award. The Award Leader, Ms Lyndsay Dowsett must be given all working with children (WWC) information for individual assessors before the student can start any Duke of Ed. activities. Every assessor must be sent a link to the NBSC assessor information booklet and then subsequently provide NBSC with their complete WWC details in the Google form (QR) provided. Activities and logging of hours cannot commence until this information is provided.

We hope your child will take advantage of this great opportunity and become a participant in the Duke of ED.

Further information can be found at <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/dukeofedinburgh>

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