



## What is The Duke of Ed?

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global framework for non-formal education, which challenges young people find their purpose, passion and place in the world. The Award is open to young people aged 14 to 24, and is run in over 130 countries.

SECTION	WHAT IT'S ABOUT FOR PARTICIPANTS
<b>Skills</b>	Unleashing talents and broadening abilities and interests - anything from refereeing, to digital production, learning an instrument, to jewellery making.
<b>Voluntary Service</b>	Connecting with the community and providing service to others - activities such as youth work, environmental and charity work.
<b>Physical Recreation</b>	Improving physical fitness and wellbeing by getting active - team sports, individual pursuits or getting creative and working up a sweat.
<b>Adventurous Journey</b>	Team building inspired through adventure and discovery journeying in unfamiliar and challenging environments - building resilience and teamwork skills along the way.
<b>Gold Residential Project</b>	Broadening horizons and challenging views of the world - in Australia or anywhere around the globe

Participants design their own program and set their goals according to the minimum requirements summarised below.  
Refer to the **Award Handbook** at [www.dukeofed.com.au](http://www.dukeofed.com.au)

Sections	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Skills</b>	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
<b>Voluntary Service</b>	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
<b>Physical Recreation</b>	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Major Section	All Participants must complete an additional 3 months in either Skills, Voluntary Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skills, Voluntary Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Silver Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skills, Voluntary Service or Physical Recreation
<b>Adventurous Journey</b> Includes: Preparation & Training; at least one Practice Journey; & a Qualifying Journey	2 days + 1 night	3 days + 2 nights	4 days + 3 nights
<b>Gold Residential Project</b>	N/A	N/A	5 days + 4 nights
Minimum age to start	14 years #	15 years or after completing Bronze	16 years
Minimum duration to finish an Award	6 months	Bronze Awardees: 6 months Direct entrants: 12 months	Silver Awardees: 12 months Direct entrants: 18 months
Maximum age to finish	Before 25 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Before 25 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Before 25 <sup>th</sup> birthday

\* These are minimum time requirements and are expressed in whole months, during which there must be regular time commitment. Regular time commitment is based on a minimum of one (1) hour per week. However, the Award Leader has discretion to allow activities that are best completed in a larger block of time, such as two (2 hours) per two week period or four (4) hours per four week period.

#At Bronze level, if a person is aged 13 but part of a school year /peer group where the majority are 14 years or older that young person can start their Bronze Award with the rest of the group upon the approval of the Award Leader

### HOW DO I START OR GET INVOLVED?

## Some Surprising Facts

**The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a leading youth development program, enabling and empowering young people to realise their full potential and build a brighter future. As one of Australia's largest and most recognised complementary youth education program (core life skills), the Award is highly inclusive and has a rich and successful history since commencing in Australia in 1959.**

- The Award was founded in 1956 in the UK by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh; Dr Kurt Hahn, educationalist; and Sir John (later Lord) Hunt, the leader of the first British team to conquer Mt Everest.
- The Award has engaged over 8 million young people globally, and can be found today in over 130 countries and territories. It is highly recognised by employers and by the tertiary sector.
- As a charity, we rely on the generous support of our Award Ambassadors, sponsors and like-minded organisations to enable us to continue our work of empowering more young people throughout Australia, including remote communities, high need, and those living with a disability.
- Over 40,000 young people participate in our program annually, supported by a network of over 60,000 adult volunteers acting as Award Leaders, Assessors and Supervisors. Over 775,000 young Australians have undertaken the Award.
- The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award can be found in over 1,200 Award Units across Australia, in cities, rural and remote areas, through Government and independent schools, universities, Indigenous communities, refugee support programs, prisons and youth training centres, community organisations (such as Surf Life Saving, PCYC), disability groups and other youth programs.
- The activity selection for each Section is very flexible and there are no set standards outside of Participants setting individual goals, minimum regular effort and a minimum overall duration for each Award.
- In Australia, we are currently growing our engagement with disadvantaged youth including remote communities, high need, and those living with a disability or have a special need.
- The Award also has a generous financial support policy assisting disadvantaged youth with the registration cost, activity costs and other special needs eg carer and transport costs.
- *Donations to the Award are tax deductible. 100% of your donation goes direct to supporting young people.*

**The Award instills in young people skills, behaviours and attitudes to succeed in life and work.**



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