



# CANBERRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

As the Coordinator of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Australia Challenge at Canberra Grammar School, I would like to welcome you and give you a brief outline of the opportunities it will offer your son. I would also like to introduce myself to you, as I am a new member of the teaching staff this year, working in the Mathematics Department.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a world-recognised program operating in over 120 countries that assists young people to fully develop their potential. It encourages young people between the ages of 14 and 25 years of age to undertake pursuits that combine together to enable them to attain awards at Bronze, Silver or Gold level.

At each level, participants choose their Community Service/Volunteering, Physical Recreation, Skills and an Adventurous Journey and for the Gold an Adventurous Project is an option. Also at Gold level there is an additional section of Residential. Participants choose their own fields within these broad headings and the emphasis is on self-motivation and commitment. Award Leaders and Coordinators are appointed at schools and youth organisations that run the Award Program. There are pathways for participants to complete Awards after they have completed formal education.

Details of requirements are outlined in the participant's record book issued to each participant at the start of their Award Program. Additional information on CGS activities that can be counted toward an Award will be discussed with the boys..

Participant's who achieve Duke of Edinburgh's Young Australian Challenge Awards are recognised by employers to be self-motivated, have planning skills, are persistent and work well individually and in groups. Bronze and Silver Awards are often presented at School Assemblies, with Gold Awards being presented at Government house by the Governor General or on occasions by a member of the Royal Family.

I would therefore like to ask parents to encourage and support your child to persevere and complete the challenge to gain an award in this worthwhile program. In order to register, please complete the attached registration form and return it to the school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of registration (which includes the record book) will be charged to your account (\$ 81.00). Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

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