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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your continued support for your son as he completes the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This letter is to inform you of the amendments and news regarding the Award in light of the current pandemic.

**Skills, Physical Recreation and Volunteering Sections.** Students can still participate and complete the Skills, Physical Recreation and Volunteer sections of the award. In order to do this students will need to hand in their Assessor Code of Conduct to the Award Leader and register their activities on the Online Record Book (<https://www.onlinerecordbook.org/fo/>). This is then approved by the Award Leader.

**Year 9 Students completing the Adventurous Journey for Bronze Award.** Please note that due to the pandemic the Award conditions for the Bronze Adventurous Journey has changed for this year. Students can complete their Practise and Qualifying Journey in three days. In light of this, the decision has been made that the **Practise and Qualifying Journey** for Year 9 students will take place during Year 9 Camp and so for Year 9 students no cost will incur.

**Year 10 Students completing the Adventurous Journey.** Year 10 students completing Bronze or Silver can book their Qualifying Journey through Somerset during the holidays or a weekend.

Students will need to book their Practice and Qualifying Journeys with a registered provider for the Duke of Edinburgh, they cannot organise their own. This decision has been made on the basis of the number of registrations but also because it is important that the participant learns to organise and manage each stage of the Award. As Silver is a higher qualification than Bronze, the school has opted to go on this route. To be eligible as an **Adventurous Journey** component students **must** go through a provider (such as Somerset). Students are not to organise their own journey, as they need a qualified assessor. Providers can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh website. There are still positions in the upcoming holidays for Somerset, but they are filling up fast. For more information you can visit <https://www.campsomerset.com.au/event>.

Thank you for your time and continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Miss Anna Fsadni at: [anna.fsadni@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anna.fsadni@syd.catholic.edu.au)

Kind regards,

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