



17 September 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, Qualifying Adventurous Journey

Event Date(s): Saturday 17 October and Sunday 18 October

Event Information:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns, it has challenged us to get a Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) Bronze Qualifying Expedition completed this year. DoE Head Office has made exceptions to make it more manageable for expeditions and activities to take place. The current Covid-19 alert level has brought uncertainty and made planning difficult. So, to ensure we get it done, it has been decided to run two consecutive day trips. Students will do a day walk from Saint Kentigern College to Eastern Beach on Saturday 17 October and another day walk on Rangitoto Island on Sunday 18 October. Students will sleep at home on the Saturday night then be dropped off at the Half Moon Bay Marina on Sunday morning to catch the ferry for the Rangitoto walk.

Saturday 17 October: Students to meet at the College at 8.30am and to be picked up from Eastern Beach (on The Esplanade) at around 3pm. Students can contact parents for accurate pick up time on the day.

Sunday 18 October: Students to meet at Half Moon Bay Marina at 7.15am for registration for the Ferry to Rangitoto. We will be returning to Half Moon Bay Marina at 4.30pm for students to be picked up by their parents.

Students will only be able to attend the Qualifying Expedition if they have met the following requirements:

- Attended at least 90% of available training sessions
- Completed 90% of the required hours and weeks for each of the compulsory components

The students will be tramping in groups of 4-8 and will be supervised by members of staff who will be stationed at various points. Should an emergency occur on the expedition, we will contact you using the emergency numbers that you have provided. My mobile number (Will Gage-Brown) is 027 603 0884 but please be aware that there can be limited mobile phone coverage.

Under the College Health and Safety policy, all adults will be carrying emergency locator beacons and shortwave radios or satellite phones. Should an emergency occur, there will be first aid certified adults close by who will be able to contact emergency services. Our staff have had many years of experience with leading outdoor expeditions.

Please make sure that you complete the [Informed Parental Consent and Health Profile by clicking here](#). Please complete this form no later than Friday 25 September.

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Your child will be instructed to turn off their mobile during the expedition so you will not be able to contact them directly. Students will be allowed the use of their mobile phone once the expedition has been completed to contact you for pick up. We have asked for other electronic devices to be left at home to encourage the students to engage with one another. Please note that College insurance does not cover loss or damage to personal items.

Students are responsible for bringing their own **equipment appropriate for a day tramp – day pack, tramping boots, waterproof raincoat and pants, wool or fleece insulation layer, food, water and personal items for the trip.** The students will have discussed a recommended list during their expedition planning and this list is also on the [Duke of Edinburgh Bronze OLE page](#).

The cost of the Qualifying Expedition is \$60. This will cover the Ferry, administration and Health and Safety equipment. The cost of the expedition will be charged to your College account at the completion of the expedition.

This is the only Bronze Level expedition that the College will be running this year. If your child is unable to attend, and they wish to continue with the Award, they will need to contact me directly as an approved outside provider will need to run an alternative Qualifying Journey.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Will Gage-Brown.

Yours sincerely

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