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This globally recognised programme challenges young people to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, and discover what they're capable of – through adventure, physical activity, community service, and personal growth.

Whether you're a school leader, teacher, or youth worker, you know the impact of self-belief – this is what the Award is all about.

By integrating the Award into your school or organisation, you can strengthen your kaupapa and accredit the mahi of rangatahi in a way that's recognised in over 120 countries worldwide.





## Our impact

*We're here to celebrate and champion every young person. To provide a safe environment of support and challenge that grows as they do.*

Whatever their ability, interest or background, the Award offers rangatahi the chance to strive for achievement, overcome obstacles, and set their minds to a personal challenge.

A recent survey\* of Award participants found that:



93%

enjoyed doing the Award



86%

placed more value on contributing to the community



87%

felt they improved teamwork skills



87%

now feel more comfortable in new situations



88%

improved problem solving skills



*The Duke of Ed helped me to get involved in more things. It's given me confidence and a reason to do a lot more at school and outside school. I've met so many new people. It's also been really good for my work ethic.* Andrew, Year 13 student



# Why choose The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award?

*The Award can act as a catalyst to enrich the lives of your rangatahi and staff. Delivering the Award brings many benefits, not least the opportunity to support young people to discover their passions and potential.*

By delivering the Award your school or organisation will:

- **Support holistic development for rangatahi:** providing opportunities for young people to engage in a variety of activities, from community service to physical activity and skill development.
- **Develops skills for now and the future:** supporting essential skills such as problem solving, adaptability, communication, resilience and leadership.
- **Support academic success:** developing intrinsic motivation which leads to better study habits, time management and academic focus.
- **Boost confidence and independence:** by rangatahi stepping out of their comfort zones, building self-esteem and independence which will benefit them for life.
- **Support wellbeing** through being physically active, connecting to others and their community, service, learning and reflection.
- **Provide recognition for achievements outside the formal education curriculum:** opening doors for employability, further study and outreach nationally and globally, through the Award's internationally-recognised accreditation.
- **Enhance your school community:** enriching relationships between students, teachers, and across year levels, fostering a sense of belonging for everyone.

# What is the Award?

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is a powerful framework for non-competitive, non-formal experiential learning.



**Bronze**  
Age 14+

## Skill

### **Ngā Pūkenga**

Master an existing skill or learn a new one, such as Te Reo Māori or learning to drive.



## Physical Recreation

### **Ngā Hakinakina**

Take part in physical activity such as sports, dance, personal fitness or outdoor activities.

**OWN  
YOUR  
JOURNEY**

Through the Award rangatahi design their own unique journey – choosing activities, setting goals, and tracking progress across four key sections.

Rangatahi tailor their Award to reflect their passions, aspirations, abilities, and personal circumstances; empowering them to grow with purpose and confidence.

### **Adventurous Journey** *Haereinga Mātātoa*

Plan and complete a journey with your peers whilst exploring nature in the great outdoors.

### **The Gold Residential Project** *Kaupapa Kainga*

Share a purposeful experience whilst being away from home over five days with people you don't usually spend time with. Maybe a creative arts or science camp, adventure programme or conservation project.



**Silver**  
Age 15+

### **Voluntary Service** *Ratonga Tūao*

Help others by volunteering in your school or local community, or support a cause you care about.



**Gold**  
Age 16+





# Transforming learning: The Award in school settings

*With its flexible framework, the Award can fit seamlessly into your school – regardless of size, culture, or structure.*

Schools can integrate the Award into existing structures, creating programmes which align with and amplify their kaupapa and mahi in a variety of ways. For example:

## **Whole year group**

All students in the year group are registered and encouraged to use the Award to organise and accredit their wider mahi, particularly in Year 10 and/ or Year 11. The Award Framework helps to amplify the non-formal activities that are taking place within a school environment and builds a positive culture which transcends all areas of school life.

- Every student is registered for their Bronze or Silver Award in Term 1 and encouraged to complete the level by the end of the school year.
- Regular sessions support students with activity choice and their record keeping.
- Some non-formal education activities may be completed in class time.
- The year group camp may be used to accredit the Adventurous Journey Section, where it meets the Award requirements.
- Silver and Gold are completed as a co-curricular option.

Running The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at our school has helped build peer relationships across year levels and between staff and students. We see better attitudes and increased engagement in class too. Phil, Teacher



### **Targeted cohort**

The Award is tailored for specific cohorts of students and used to enhance their development and education outcomes. Participants complete some Award activities as a group.

### **Embedded in school culture**

Participation is highly encouraged, and completion is celebrated as a prestigious achievement. Award recipients are recognised on honours boards and in prize-giving ceremonies, and rewarded with leadership opportunities.

- Most students opt into the Award at the beginning of Term 1.
- Regular sessions promote the Award, offer support, and encourage more students to register.
- Adventurous Journeys are run by the school, or through external providers.
- The Award is seamlessly connected into wider activities, to become a central driver for a positive school community.

### **Co-curricular**

Students voluntarily participate in the Award as a co-curricular activity. Schools tailor their approach by running Adventurous Journeys internally, partnering with external providers, or integrating them into existing EOTC activities, such as year group camps, where applicable. Students complete Award sections using both school-based or external co-curricular activities.

# School/Organisation commitment

To offer the Award, you will need at least one trained Award Leader to oversee the programme. There is an annual licence fee for schools/organisations and a registration fee for participants for each Award level.

## Annual licence fee

For schools/organisations delivering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award \$130.44.

## Registration fee

For each participant at each level of the Award.

Bronze: \$82.61 | Silver: \$82.61 | Gold: \$108.70

Prices are GST exclusive

## Support from us

*You won't be alone! The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award provides comprehensive training, resources, and ongoing support, ensuring you and your rangatahi have everything you need for success.*

We're here to support in a variety of ways, including:

### For schools/organisations

- An Online Record Book so you can approve activities and monitor student's progress
- Information and resources including regular online hui
- Unlimited support from our team
- Access to international training, including a discounted MBA

### For participants

- An Online Record Book and app to record and monitor progress
- Completion certificates and badges
- A Gold Award Ceremony for Gold Award holders
- An internationally-recognised accreditation, recognised in more than 120 countries worldwide

Funding is available for participants requiring financial support. Funding is also available to support Adventurous Journey costs for students who require this.



If you'd like to find out more about offering The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award, or how you can reach more students with the Award at your school please get in touch.

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