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2020 Duke of Edinburgh: Hillary Award Program



Dear Parents and Caregiver

Your child is welcome to **apply** for the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award program at school (numbers will be capped).

Why bother with the Award? Reflecting on some of the great leaders in the Bible, there was often a combination of; learned skills, faith, opportunity and perseverance that served as a catalyst to leadership. This program seeks to create these opportunities.

This program is recognised by employers as developing useful skills in leadership, service, and perseverance. The expeditions are a big part of learning to work together.

The program is intended to be driven by the participant but is **essential** that you check with your child to see they are on track and guide them in their choices.

The bronze and silver levels can be completed in 1 year. The gold program is best started in Y12 and completed in Y13. Part of the service requirements of the Gold award can be met by being involved in a leadership role in the Student Council.

1. Structure of the Award

There are sections that need to be completed at each level. As you move through the levels a higher degree of commitment is required, but you can choose your own activities for each section and complete the requirements with things that you enjoy doing!

	Service	Skills	Physical Recreation	Adventurous Journey
*Bronze/Silver/Gold	3/6/12 Months	3/6/12 Months	3/6/12 Months	Preliminary Training
	Plus , a further 3/0/0 months in either Service, Skill or Physical Recreation			
Regularity	At least one hour per week	At least one hour per week	At least one hour per week	
Examples from HCS students	Volunteer at school, church, youth group. Karate training, tutoring, sound desk technician, road patrol, student council, coaching sport. Bird rescue	Pottery, Piano, Guitar, Cello, Car Maintenance, Cooking, Goat farming, Photography, Drama, language	Hockey, Soccer, Swimming, Karate, Netball, Boxing, Badminton	Practice Journeys Qualifying Journey 2/3/4 days

*Bronze age 14+, Silver age 15+, Gold age 16+. Younger ages ok in some cases.

http://www.dofehillary.org.nz/Site/do_the_award/getting_an_award.aspx

2. Adventurous Journey

The requirements for the Adventurous Journey will be provided for the levels as follows:

Activity	Bronze dates*	Silver dates *	Gold Dates*
Training & planning	15.30 – 17:00, 13 th March (School)	15.30 – 17:00, 13 th March (School)	TBC
	08.30 – 17:30 14 th March (Pirongia)	08.30 – 17:30 14 th March (Pirongia)	River course TBC
	15.30 – 17:00, 3 rd April (School)	15.30 – 17:00, 3 rd April (School)	
Practice tramp (Anzac holidays)	08:30 25 th April – 18:00 26 th April (Kaimai)	08:30 25 th April – 18:00 27 th April (Kaimai)	June?
Training & Planning	15.30 – 17:00, 12 th June (School)	15.30 – 17:00, 12 th June (School)	Emergency mgmt. & first aid
Tramp planning review	15.30 – 17:00, 11 th Sept (School)	15.30 – 17:00, 11 th Sept (School)	TBA – students to arrange with instructor
	15.30 – 17:00, 18 st Sept (School)	15.30 – 17:00, 18 st Sept (School)	
	15.30 – 17:00, 25 th Sept (School)	15.30 – 17:00, 25 th Sept (School)	
Qualifying tramp (holidays)	26 th – 27 th Sept (Coromandel)	2 nd Oct – 4 th Oct	12 th – 16 th Dec 2020
Presentation	18:45 – 20:30, 22 nd Oct (School)	18:45 – 20:30, 22 nd Oct (School)	

*Wet weather dates may apply

Gold Award kick off meeting for 2020 will be 19:00 – 20:30 on the **6th March** @ 95 Craig Road, Newstead.

Gold award also needs to complete a **Residential Project** (1-week camp of your choice) 19/20 school holidays would be a good option.

3. Safety Plan

For the adventurous journey the program will involve a qualified instructor, together with a risk assessment as per other school excursions policy. In addition to the instructor a few parents or teachers will be invited to participate to achieve the required adult to student ratio.

For the qualifying expedition, the participants will make all decisions, with the instructor and other adults forming a shadow party (at the rear) that will only intervene if the participant's safety is at risk.

4. Base Costs

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Hillary Award Registration Cost	\$87.50	\$87.50	\$115.50
Your share of school registration fee	\$20.50	\$20.50	\$20.50
Your share of training day instruction fee	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$54.00 ¹
Your share of practice tramp costs	\$60.00	\$70.00 ²	\$140.00 ²
Total Cost (Excluding qualifying expedition – and costs below)	\$195.00	\$205.00	\$310.00 ³

Other Costs (will be extra during the year)

- ¹Training weekend and ²Practice tramp food is arranged by participant
- ³This is the fee for the 2-year program
- Qualifying expedition, costs including food is covered directly by each group & expedition party.

5. Other requirements

Gear list: Rain coat, warm clothes – polypropylene thermals, beanie, preferably shoes with ankle support (Boots recommended for those going onto silver and gold levels). Please note you will need to purchase or borrow a **compass**. A number of sports shops offer generous discounts to the DofE participants and are willing to hire gear out.

A workbook will be provided that will require personal study time, and there will be a number of tests that will need to be passed.

6. Parent, Participants and Award Leader.

Instructors and helpers: HCS now have 3 certified out door instructors and a number of regular helpers. If you are interested in helping, we can offer you training and welcome your involvement.

Online Record Book: From 2020 progress and assessors sign off will be through the on-line records book www.onlinerecordbook.org. This is the participants responsibility and will require parental support to see it is regularly updated.

Specific Program approval: On the permission slip please indicate your child's chosen activities. Lunch time meetings will be held to discuss these options in February.

Facebook - A Facebook page has been set up to capture expedition photos, if you would like access please send a Facebook friend request to Eric Wisse

7. Next Steps

Return to school office by 3 February 2020.

- HCS permission slip completed
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Participant Registration Online www.onlinerecordbook.org
- Payment made
- Facebook set up to HCS Hillary Award (Friend request Eric Wisse)
- Dates marked on your calendar

Late registrations will depend on numbers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Eric on ecwisse@xtra.co.nz or Courtney.Wiseman@hamiltonchristian.school.nz

Regards

Eric Wisse

HCS Award Leader

**Greg Thomas
Courtney Wiseman
Teacher in Charge**



Return below to office by 3 February 2020.

PERMISSION SLIP
Please return this form to the office

Trip to: See schedule		Date: See schedule
For year level: Year 10 - 13	Cost per student: see table	Travelling by: Private vehicles or van
Purpose : Hillary Award		
Leaving at: See schedule		Returning at: See schedule
Person in charge: Eric Wisse		Other staff: --TBA
I can help with supervision (Name)		I can help with transport if required: (Name)
Uniform: No but a change of clothes, warm gear and/or rain jacket, see gear list		

Draft Plan (One activity for each of the service, skill and physical sections.)

Service	Skills	Physical Recreation

Cost: \$195 Bronze \$205 Silver \$310 Gold. Total payment to be remitted _____

- Online Banking (see below)
 - HCS Bank Account # 01-0315-0119233-000
 - Ref: Colour of Award DOE e.g. Gold DOE
 - Particulars: Child name & surname

I give consent for my daughter/son/ward _____ in Year _____ to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award including:

- Training classes at HCS
- Outdoor training at Pirongia
- Practice tramp
- Tramp planning review at HCS
- Qualifying tramp
- Presentations at HCS

The online D of E registration is complete www.onlinerecordbook.org

I authorise the procurement of any medical attention that may be needed. Please note the following information (Medical /other).

Signed by Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____