

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

FACT SHEET

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a leading youth development program that empowers all young people to explore their full potential, regardless of their location or circumstance. Every young person aged 14-25 who takes part learns a life skill, improves their physical wellbeing, volunteers in their community and experiences a team adventure in a new environment.

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery participants are equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best, to take ownership of their goals and life choices as well as become actively engaged within the community and workforce.

Run through schools, universities, indigenous communities, new refugee support programs, defence cadets, uniformed youth organisations, prisons, youth development centres and community organisations, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award participation is available in cities, rural and remote areas. Currently we have over 1,100 licensed award units who deliver the Award to nearly 40,000 young Australians with the help of over 80,000 adult volunteers across the country.

With three progressively more challenging levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award celebrates and recognises each Award as the improvement of an individual through persistence and achievement. Participants complete four sections - Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey (plus a fifth section – Residential Project – for the Gold Award) through either extending their current activities or taking up completely new challenges.

With a rich global heritage, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program was set up in 1956 and launched in the UK by HRH Prince Philip, German educationalist Kurt Hahn and Lord Hunt, leader of the first successful ascent of the world's tallest mountain, Mount Everest. The design of the Award is underpinned with strong, well tested educational and youth development principles.

Australia introduced the Award in 1959. On average 37,000 diverse participants annually work towards achieving an Award. Over 700,000 Australians have completed the Award, equipping themselves for life and work.

Today more than 140 countries have adopted The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program and more than 8 million young people have participated worldwide. The Award is a globally recognised achievement.

Further information for participants, parents/guardians and volunteers is available at:

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