

Recently there has been some confusion around how the Duke of Edinburgh program works and how it fits in with the Boys' Brigade program. This document should explain everything you need to know about the Duke of Edinburgh program heading into 2019. If you have any further questions, please contact me as I have completed most of the program and will hopefully be able to answer most of your questions. If you have a specific enquiry, feel free to contact the relevant Duke of Edinburgh Award Authority. (contact details provided in document)

Also this document is in trial, so all feedback is welcome on how this can be improved to maximise its user-friendliness.

Good Luck!

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The Duke of Edinburgh Award and The Boys' Brigade

A Guide to The Duke of Edinburgh Award
and how it joins with The Boys' Brigade.

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What is the Duke of Edinburgh Program?

The DofE Award is a program created by the Duke of Edinburgh who was inspired by the Boys' Brigade Award System. The award endeavours to encourage young people to engage in a broad range of activities. The award is now in over 140 countries and recognised by many employers as a representation of positive character.

How old do I have to be?

Across the entire Duke of Edinburgh in Victoria there are 7 levels. The first 4 are called the "Compass Program" and are aimed at youth aged 10-14. The second group is what you will probably recognise as the traditional Duke of Edinburgh awards. These three are aimed at youth aged 14 and onwards. There is also The Bridge Award designed for those over 14 who are living with a disability.

What's my BB Age?

BB Age is determined by how old you turn that year. For example: If you turned 17 in November this year you would be BB Age 17 for the whole year. So someone born in 2005 would be BB Age 14 for the whole of 2019 regardless of what month their birthday is.



4 Levels

Lv1 BB Age 10

Lv2 BB Age 11

Lv3 BB Age 12

Lv4 BB Age 13



Bronze BB Age 14



Silver BB Age 15



Gold BB Age 16

Where do I wear my DofE badge?

The badges obtained through the Duke of Edinburgh Program are worn on the LEFT armband. Only the highest level that a boy has achieved is worn.

For example, the boy whose armband is pictured right has completed all 4 levels of compass and his bronze DofE. The bronze is his highest achievement so that is all he wears.



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How is the Duke of Edinburgh program structured?

Throughout the first 6 levels of the program there are 4 components to each award, For the Gold award there is an extra component as well as the normal 4.

This is how the DofE Website summarises the 4 components:

Voluntary Service



The Voluntary Service Section of the Award encourages young people to volunteer their time to and understand the benefits of this Voluntary Service to their community, to connect with your community and give service to others and their communities.

Physical Recreation



The Physical Recreation Section of the Award encourages young people to participate in sport and other physical recreation for the improvement of health, wellbeing and fitness.

Skills



The Skills Section of the Award encourages the development of personal interests and practical and social skills.

Adventurous Journey



The Adventurous Journey Section encourages a sense of adventure whilst undertaking a team journey or expedition. As part of a small team, participants will plan, train for and undertake a journey with a defined purpose in an unfamiliar environment.

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What is involved in the Duke of Edinburgh program?

The components of the award may stay the same, but the requirements of each award are different. You will notice that the compass award follows a similar hour-based structure as Boys' Brigade. However, once you begin your Bronze, Silver or Gold award it is based on you completing a task regularly over a certain number of months. This is why it is important to sign up early in the year with the higher awards, so you have time to complete them before many weekly activities breakup for Christmas.



COMPASS

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Physical Recreation	Minimum 3 hours	Minimum 6 hours	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours
Hobbies/Skill	Minimum 3 hours	Minimum 4 hours	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 20 hours
Volunteering	Minimum 3 hours	Minimum 5 hours	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours
Exploration	Minimum 3 hours	Minimum 4 hours	Minimum 8 hours	2 days & 1 night

You have until you turn 25 to complete any award you start. So you don't have to do all the components at once, although it is a good idea to at least overlap some of you activities.



Service



Physical Recreation



Skill



Adventurous Journey

BRONZE 14+ years	3 months	3 months	3 months	2 days/1 night <small>(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)</small>
SILVER 15+ years	6 months	6 months	6 months	3 days/2 nights <small>(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)</small>
GOLD 16+ years	12 months	12 months	12 months	4 days/3 nights <small>(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)</small>

Until you reach Gold all your **Adventurous Journey** can generally be done through BB.

You must average 1 hour per week throughout however many months your award goes for.
Bronze Only: Service, Physical or Skill (your choice) must be done for an additional 3



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How does this fit in with the Boys' Brigade badge system?

The Boys' Brigade awards system and the Duke of Edinburgh program match up which means you can use the same activities for each. Here is a diagram of how the awards pair up:



For the **Voluntary Service** section you can use the same activity for the Boys' Brigade **Community Service** badge



For the **Physical** section you can use the same activity for the Boys' Brigade **Physical** and **Sportsman** badges



For the **Skills** section you can use the same activity for the Boys' Brigade **Skills** badge



For the **Adventurous Journey** section, you can use the same activity for the Boys' Brigade Expedition and **Environmentalist** badges



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Please note that not every activity that meets the requirements for the DofE program meets the requirements for Boys' Brigade badges. Make sure that the activity you choose meets the requirements for both, otherwise you will have to put in twice the work. When you input your chosen activity into the DofE log book your assessor will have to approve it, This ensures you are doing the right thing before you start.

One example of this is the Voluntary Service component of the DofE program. If you used the Relay for Life for your community service, as many boys do, you would meet the requirements for the Boys' Brigade Badge. However, if you were doing Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE you would not have met the requirements for your **Voluntary Service** as you have to do the activity over multiple months.

How much does Duke of Ed cost?

You have to pay for the Duke of Edinburgh Award for each award you start from Compass through to Gold. Please remember that you have to pay when you sign up to start your award so make sure you plan out how you are going to complete the award before you start.

The costs for **2019** are:

Compass & Bridge: \$95 for levels 1 & 2 and \$95 for levels 3 & 4 (registration covers 2 levels)

Duke of Ed: Bronze \$169 Silver \$179 Gold \$189



There is fee assistance available from AFAP (Awards Funding Assistance Program). To be eligible you must not be able to participate in the award due to social or economic disadvantage. To make an application please contact the DofE Victoria office via email or phone.

Duke of Edinburgh Victoria

Email: info@dukeofedvic.org.au

Phone: (03) 8412 9333

How is AFAP funded?

AFAP is funded by individuals as well as Award Units fundraising during Dukes Week celebrations.



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Can I skip a badge?

None of the 7 awards are requirements to do the next badge. You do not have to have completed compass to begin bronze and you do not have to do bronze to do silver or silver to do gold. This means that if you don't do compass then you will be at no disadvantage and can begin bronze the same as someone who had done all 4 levels of compass.

However, there are some additional requirements if you skip a level of bronze, silver or gold. They are as follows:

SILVER

15+ years

Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Bronze Award not completed.

GOLD

16+ years

Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Silver Award not completed.



Service



Physical Recreation



Skill



Adventurous Journey

BRONZE

14+ years

3 months

3 months

3 months

2 days/1 night

(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)

Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 3 months for a Major Section-either Service, Skill or Physical Recreation

SILVER

15+ years

6 months

6 months

6 months

3 days/2 nights

(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)

Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Bronze Award not completed.

GOLD

16+ years

12 months

12 months

12 months

4 days/3 nights

(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)

Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Silver Award not completed.

Note that ALL Bronze participants must do an extra 3 months in one major section. This is regardless of whether you have done the Compass Award. This is because the Compass and Bridge Awards are only run in Victoria.

Major Sections

The Major Sections in DofE are Service, Physical Recreation or Skill.



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The Residential Project

For the Compass awards, Bronze and Silver there are only 4 sections, **Voluntary Service**, **Physical**, **Skills** and **Adventurous Journey**. However, for the Gold award there is an extra section. It is called the **Residential Project** and is described by the DofE as the following:

The Gold Residential Project offers Gold Award Participants unique experiences that truly broaden horizons and challenges their outlook.

At the heart of the Gold Residential Project is the undertaking of purposeful experience with people who are not their usual companions, working towards a common goal! Adding to this, the young person is also outside of their usual place of residence, often in an unfamiliar environment.

It is hoped that the Gold Residential Project rewards Gold Award Participants with a sense of personal achievement, enhanced social connection with new and interesting people, and a truly life changing experience!



The project must involve you being away for at least 5 days and 4 nights. The most popular choices for the **Residential Project** are: Youth Camps, a school exchange, sports & coaching camps or construction/community projects.



Service



Physical Recreation



Skill



Adventurous Journey



Residential Project

	Service	Physical Recreation	Skill	Adventurous Journey	Residential Project
BRONZE 14+ years	3 months	3 months	3 months	2 days/1 night (1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying Journey)	N/A Gold Level only
Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 3 months for a Major Section-either Service, Skill or Physical Recreation *					
SILVER 15+ years	6 months	6 months	6 months	3 days/2 nights (1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying Journey)	N/A Gold Level only
Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Bronze Award not completed. *					
GOLD 16+ years	12 months	12 months	12 months	4 days/3 nights (1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying Journey)	5 days/4nights
Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Silver Award not completed. *					



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Signing Up for the Award

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To sign up for the duke of Edinburgh Program go to www.onlinerecordbook.org

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Not Registered?

Register a new account as:

Award Participant

Award Leader

[Register](#)

Register yourself as an Award Participant

Welcome to the Online Record Book

You are now registering as an Award participant.

Select Country

Australia ▼

Select your Operating Authority

Victoria ▼

Select your Award Unit

The Boys' Brigade Victoria ▼

Do you know who your Award Leader is?

Yes

No

Enter Email Address

[Continue](#)

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Fill in your Operating Authority as **Victoria** and your Award Unit as **The Boys' Brigade Victoria**. Then select that you **do** know your Award Leader. Finally fill out their email address (see below).

Award Leader

Each company has their own leader who is a registered DofE Award Leader. For 14th VIC Werribee it is:

Daniel Farrugia

boysbrigadewerribee@gmail.com

Award Level

What level of the Award are you registering for?

What level of the Award are you registering for?

- Bronze Level
- Silver Level
- Gold Level

[Continue](#)

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Finally select the award you are completing and fill out the rest of the application.



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Recording Your Progress

Once you have signed up you will have access to the Online Record Book. This is where you will log all of your activity as you go through your award. Upon the completion of all the criteria you will submit this to your award assessor. It is important to regularly update this log to avoid the stress of having to remember what you did months ago.

How does it work?

The Participant...

1 chooses activities for each section (which may include activities the Participant is already involved in)

2 chooses a Mentor for each Award Section to provide support and guidance

3 sets goals for each Section and completes activities over a set length of time

4 records weekly hours of participation in their Record Book

5 submits their Record Book for Assessment. Badges and Certificates are Awarded at an official Award Ceremony to recognise their achievements



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Activity examples

Service



Aged care
Bush regeneration
Care for abandoned or unwell animals
Child care
Coaching sports teams
Conservation project
Disability awareness
Emergency services volunteer
First aid
Fundraising
Helping people with special needs
Hospital volunteer
Library assistance
Peer support
Sunday school teaching
Surf life saving
Tree planting
Umpiring / refereeing
Water biodiversity
Youth Leader

Physical Recreation



Individual Activities
Aerobics
Athletics
Canoeing
Cycling
Gymnastics
Marital Arts
Physical fitness program
Swimming
Surfing
Walking
Skateboarding
Yoga

Group Activities
Basketball
Dancing
Football
Hockey
Lacrosse
Netball
Soccer
Ten pin bowling

Skill



Arts
Art and architecture appreciation
Choreography
Drama
Drawing / Painting
Photography

Communications
Computing (IT)
Film / magazine production
Languages
Public speaking
Reading / writing

Crafts
Cooking
Furniture making
Knitting
Metal / plastic work

Music
Music appreciation
Playing an instrument / singing

Adventurous Journey



Expedition
Bushwalking
Canoeing
Camping
Cross country skiing
Cycling
Horse riding
Rattling
Rowing
Sailing

Exploration
Cultural trip (language studies)
Historical trip
Marine study
Rock-climbing
Scientific exploration
Survey of national / wildlife park

Residential Project*



Bronze surf life saving camp
Career orientation seminar
Cultural experiences - overseas
Cultural experiences - remote
Aboriginal communities
Environmental projects
Great Victorian Bike Ride
Lord Somers and Lady Somers Camp
Murray River Marathon
Portsea Children's Camp
Rotary Youth Leadership Award
Rural placement
Senior Leader Course
YMCA Youth Parliament

*Gold Level only

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The Bridge Award

Duke of Edinburgh Victoria introduced this award alongside the Compass Award. It is aimed at those 14 or older who have a disability. There is no age specified for each of the levels as long as the participant is over 14 and under 25. Its structure resembles the format of the Compass Award in that it is hour based.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Physical Recreation	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours	Minimum 20 hours	Minimum 25 hours
Skill	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours	Minimum 20 hours	Minimum 25 hours
Service	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours	Minimum 20 hours	Minimum 25 hours
Adventurous Journey	2 day trips	3 day trips or 1 day trip & 1 overnight stay	4 day trips or 2 day trips & 1 overnight stay	3 day trips & 1 overnight stay or 2 day trips & 2 overnight stays

Duke of Edinburgh Award Contacts

If you have any questions about the Duke of Edinburgh Program, please feel free to speak to Boys' Brigade or you can contact the Duke of Edinburgh Program directly. For more information you can visit any of the relevant websites but be sure that the information you are reading is for Victorian participants as each country/state runs the award slightly different.

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Phone: 02 8241 1500 (prompt 3)

W: www.dukeofed.com.au

Online Record Book Helpdesk

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Phone: 1300 438 537 (prompt 1)

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Duke of Ed Award Summary Sheet

Age Requirements

Compass Duke of Ed

Lv1: BBAge 10 **Bronze:** BBAge 14

Lv2: BBAge 11 **Silver:** BBAge 15

Lv3: BBAge 12 **Gold:** BBAge 16

Lv4: BBAge 13

Cost

Compass/Bridge DofE

Lv1 & 2: \$95 **Bronze:** \$169

Lv3 & 4: \$95 **Silver:** \$179

Gold: \$189

Compass and Bridge fees pay for two levels

Fee assistance is available

Signing Up for the Award

Go to www.onlinerecordbook.org

Operating Authority: Victoria

Award Unit: The Boys' Brigade

Award Leader: Daniel Farrugia

boysbrigadewerribee@gmail.com

Contact DofE Vic

Email: info@dukeofedvic.org.au

Phone: (03) 8412 9333



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	Service	Physical Recreation	Skill	Adventurous Journey	Residential Project
BRONZE	3 months	3 months	3 months	2 days/1 night	N/A
14+ years				(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)	Gold Level only

Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 3 months for a Major Section-either Service, Skill or Physical Recreation *

SILVER	6 months	6 months	6 months	3 days/2 nights	N/A
15+ years				(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)	Gold Level only

Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Bronze Award not completed. *

GOLD	12 months	12 months	12 months	4 days/3 nights	5 days/4nights
16+ years				(1 x practice journey & 1 x qualifying journey)	

Averaging at least 1 hour per week. Plus additional 6 months of a Major Section if Silver Award not completed. *



The Bridge Award

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Skill	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours	Minimum 20 hours	Minimum 25 hours
Service	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours	Minimum 20 hours	Minimum 25 hours
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