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North Ryde Games (NRG) & Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



Dear Parent / NRG leader,

NRG is a great way of giving back to the community. Participant leaders serve infants and primary students by running a school holiday program in the July winter holidays, whilst also learning new skills: Public Speaking, Drama, leadership, sports coaching etc.

A small number of students from our leadership team have in the past asked that program participation contribute towards the volunteering requirements of the Duke of

Edinburgh award scheme. Many schools offer this program. Details at www.dukeofed.com.au

The handbook states that 'regular commitment' *usually* means one hour per week over a three or six month period. However there may be some flexibility with your school if the hours can be done more intensively. *You will need to check with your school coordinator if participation in NRG satisfies requirements.* A number of schools have been satisfied that NRG meets Bronze & Silver award requirements.

Total NRG leaders commitments are 2 pre-NRG training days in May & July, 6 days of NRG (Mon-Fri 8-4pm + Sunday Afternoon 2-6pm) & a post NRG event in July. Hence, there are approximately 56 hours of volunteering time involved, as opposed to the 12hrs (Bronze) or 24hrs (Silver) required by the DofE program.

There are stricter external compliance rules with the Gold award. However, NRG can be combined with our regular infants and primary program BLAST to meet these requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact North Ryde Anglican or the Duke of Edinburgh coordinator at your school.

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Rev. John Chappell
 North Ryde Anglican Church

2.3.4 REQUIREMENTS

For this Section, Participants must:

1. Undertake an activity regularly where they are donating their time to a genuine cause, for the required length of time depending on Award level chosen
2. Show regular commitment, progress and improvement of their chosen activity
3. Understand regular commitment usually means at least one hour per week
4. Activities must be undertaken substantially in their own time. This means that while some activity may take place within school university or work hours, most of it should occur outside of these scheduled times
5. For some activities, formal or informal training may be required. This will need to be checked with the organisation the Participant is choosing to volunteer with.

Please note that any service must not be to the Participant's immediate family. It must also meet a genuine need, and not just be a favour to a friend or neighbour.

TIME REQUIREMENTS

Level	Minimum time	If Volunteering is chosen as major Section
BRONZE	3 months	6 months
SILVER	6 months	12 months, if Bronze has not been achieved
GOLD	12 months	18 months, if Silver has not been achieved

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1 Thessalonians 2:8