



DENMARK
 SENIOR HIGH
 SCHOOL
 AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Strive to Achieve

NEWSLETTER 5

Acting Principal: Amy Palmer

IMPORTANT DATES

31 July – 4 August	NAIDOC Week at DSHS	7 August	School Board Meeting
2 August	Year 9 Curtin AHEAD Presentation	12-20 August	National Science Week
3-5 August	School Band Festival Camp	23 August	Book Week Dress Up
7-11 August	Follow the Dream Camp		

MAN OF STEEL

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE
 NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR THE
 FULL PRODUCTION SPREAD!**

Welcome

Emma - School Nurse



Emma is a Registered Nurse who has specialised in Mental Health and Child and Family Health. She graduated from Notre Dame University in Fremantle in 2013. Since then she has had extensive experience working rurally in acute, community and residential adolescent, adult and geriatric mental health. She has a passion for creating connections and understanding what matters to people to support them to improve their wellbeing and pursue a fulfilling life based on their own values and goals. In her personal life she is a wife and mother who loves gardening, baking, singing, dancing, music, the beach and reading.

You'll find Emma in the Wellbeing Hub every Monday, Thursday and alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

*Your whole life
 you're trying to
 find a gem, but
 The real gem is
 inside of you.*

- Juno, Yr 7

COUNTRY WEEK

Denmark SHS at Country Week 2023

This year Denmark SHS took 7 teams to the biggest Country Week in the 93 years that it has been running. Over 4000 players or students participated with around 500 staff in a fantastic week of sporting and debating activities in Perth during the last week of Term 2.

The weather was amazing all week, it even stopped raining for the hour it took to pack the bus at 7am and go off on our 6 hour drive, Sunday morning. After arriving and unpacking, we were off to training at Lords or some other venue, dinner and team meetings. On the Monday we were up and ready to go to HBF Stadium for the Opening Ceremony. It was the first time since Covid hit

and there was no ceremony for 3 years. Each day we had daily team and squad meetings and reports about our day. Our students were, of course, superbly behaved all week, demonstrating not only our fantastic sportsmanship but also promptness in arriving to all of our meetings and events early.



Our School Captains for 2023 were Jayde McHenry and Adam Turner who carried our flag at the opening ceremony after much cheering and Mexican waves. Our Active Achievers were Tait Hartfield, Jhett Morrison-Carter, Jayde McHenry and Amy Dominiak, who were also recognised at the ceremony for their leadership and service to sport. The results for the week were excellent with all teams playing hard and competitively.



Mr Drew Hammond (Hammy) trained our Speech and Debating team resulting in a gold medal for B-Division Debating. Here is part of his report. "The four in debate started as nervous novices. They walked away as **CHAMPIONS!** They grew so much over the week – it was stunning to watch them work. Oakley, Ollie, Maz and Captain Milla surprised even themselves. Maz and Ollie also spoke with passion in the final round of the 'Own Composition' speech event, with Maz taking third! I couldn't be prouder of how these kids held each other up."



Our girls Basketball A team, coached by **Mr Ken Davies**, had an amazing end to a tough week. Here's the coaches report; "I just witnessed a group of girls that played their hearts out for Denmark SHS... We played Bunbury SHS who had been undefeated the entire week. They beat us twice in the round robin games by a combined total of over 40 points and today we went down by 5 points in a fantastic game. It was inspiring to watch them play against such a big high school and take it to them right to the very end. They are a fantastic group of girls who I have been so privileged to coach! You Mums and Dads can be really proud of them. Go Denny! Cheers, Grizzly."



Amber Nekel worked with Grizz to train and coach the Basketball B girls team who played in C Division. They came home with a Bronze medal!

Amber's report: "My first Country Week coaching a team and I couldn't have had a nicer bunch of girls. We had a close loss Thursday taking us out of the 'Grandy', but up for 3v4. We didn't let that stop us and came out roaring to play

NASHS who had beaten us by 30 in our first practice game before we went away. We beat them by one just one point when we played them early in the week, so we knew it would be a tough game! We were goal for goal and worked hard to stay in the game, coming away with the win by 4 points. I couldn't be more proud of the girls, they were unreal all week and deserved the win. Go Denmark!!!"



Lindsay Stirling was very busy coaching the two boys basketball teams before and during Country Week. Some games clashed and Grizz stepped up. "With Jhett Morrison-Carter as captain and Tait Hartfield as vice, the A grade boys played competitively all week winning 3 games and losing 5. All games were close with no more than 10 points in them. They lost by 4 points in the finals to finish 4th overall.

In the end, boys B basketball beat Kearnan College 32-22 and played awesome with only 6 fit players at the end. They finished 7th in C division with 2 wins, 1 draw and 6 losses by only 3-4 points each time. I'm so proud!"





Due to a huge increase in schools nominating volleyball teams, we played all of our games over in the UWA Gymnasium this year.

Coach Dylan Judd drove the school bus each day to UWA with our volleyballers. Here is the final day report:

"Boys Volleyball beat Denmark Ag College 2-0 to finish 5th. They had a nervous start to the week but then showed huge improvement as the week progressed. They finished tied in 4th position but were relegated to 5th on a countback. Overall they won 5, lost 3."



Here is the volleyball girls report by **Coach Charlotte Turnbull**:
 "Absolutely amazing effort by the girls' volleyball team this week! Beginning with a team where most had never played volleyball before, they grew to become a team to watch out for winning 5 out of 8 games and placing 4th overall. It has been inspiring to watch our team gain confidence and maintain a constant positive attitude through out, they should be very proud!"



Not to be forgotten, Soccer – ably coached by our own **Sarah Carver** and helped by **Kai Thrupp-Probst**, headed over to McGilvray oval everyday to play and try not to get sunburnt!

Here's the report from Sarah: "What a week the soccer team had. I was so proud of their skill, teamwork and the energy they put into every game. It was never going to be easy putting a mixed team into a boys division but like all Denmark kids, they have done us proud! We played some very physical games and matched the intensity every time. To go through the week undefeated was a huge achievement and the kids should be suitably proud! The final didn't go our way with a 0-2 loss, but they should hold their heads high. Huge thanks to Kai Thrupp-Probst for being such a fantastic coaching partner! Couldn't have done it without you!"



All in all, it has been a fantastic week at 2023 Country Week. The kids made us very proud with their enthusiasm, attitude, behaviour, sportsmanship, and effort on the court. Thank you to all the staff for their support, time, and care of our cherubs. Bring on next year.

Jenny Findlay



COUNTRY WEEK

CAPTAINS REPORT

On the 25th of June 2023, 65 Denmark Senior High School students embarked on their journey to participate in the 2023 Schools Country Week in Perth. We took across 8 teams, including 4 basketball teams, 2 volleyball teams, 1 soccer team, and a speech and debating team. Every student competed across 5 days, which highlighted everyone's resilience and persistence throughout the tough but enjoyable week.



On day 1, there was an opening ceremony which every school attended. We, Adam Turner and Jayde McHenry were the school captains and had the privilege to represent our school in the opening ceremony. A miscommunication with the Ag School led to us walking out at the wrong time which was a funny start to the week. Despite this start, everyone played their hearts out across the week.



In boys' basketball, the A grade team (captained by Jhett Morrison-Carter) finished 4th, narrowly missing out on a podium finish. The B grade team (captained by Reuben Winter) finished 7th in their division. In girls' basketball, the A grade team (captained by Jayde McHenry) finished 2nd, narrowly losing by 5 to Bunbury in a very exciting grand final. The B grade team (captained by Charlee Candy) finished 3rd, securing a podium finish. In volleyball, the boy's team (captained by Rory Dimmock) finished 5th in their division. The girls' volleyball team (captained by Luiza Brandao Fagundes) finished 4th in their division, narrowly missing out on 3rd in a well fought game. The soccer team (captained by Mei Jones) finished 2nd in the boys division with a mixed team, after playing their hearts out in a great final. Speech and debating (captained by Milla Madeo) finished as champions in their division, which was a great effort. Special mention to Miranda Dowling who came 3rd in the Individual Speech comp. Well done also to Jhett Morrison-Carter, Tait Hartfield, Amy Dominiak and Jayde McHenry for being our schools' active achievers, for their tremendous efforts in the community for their sporting achievements.



Special thanks to all staff involved, especially Ms Findlay who worked tirelessly to make sure we all had an enjoyable week. She planned/organised everything such as accommodation, buses, fixtures, meals and activities. Activities were conducted at night including, bowling, movies, and late-night shopping. Another thanks to all the coaches that went. We couldn't have done it without you all, and without all your work behind the scenes and at trainings.

We are so proud of every single person's effort across the week. Your hard work, determination, passion and persistence all shone clear throughout the competition. You've all done our school very proud!



Jayde McHenry and Adam Turner
2023 Country Week Captains



SCIENCE



THE MARRON TANK PROJECT

During Semester 1 our Year 12 General Integrated Science students have been experimenting with the world of aquaculture – the Marron Tank Project. These students have taken on the challenge of growing marron crayfish in their own specially designed tanks. Working in teams, the students researched and constructed the gravity fed filtration system to house the marron. Utilizing technology, including pH, temperature, and dissolved oxygen sensors, students regularly monitor and maintain water quality within the tanks to achieve optimal health and growth of the crayfish. Students regularly measure the individual marron, and some even have names.

As a reward for their hard work and commitment in growing the marron, we are aiming to hold an end-of-year barbecue celebration where students will have the opportunity to enjoy them.

We would like to extend a huge thanks to Deanna and **Nabawarra Pastoral Company** for generously donating the marron fingerlings that kickstarted this exciting project.



DENMARK HIGH PINGPONG TOURNAMENT



ALL YEARS
ALL STAFF

FRIDAYS



PRIZES
PRIZES
PRIZES

WEEKS 3-8
TERM 3

LUNCH

UNDER THE
COVERED AREA

 national science week 2023
scienceweek.net.au

12-20 AUGUST 2023

INNOVATION

POWERING FUTURE INDUSTRIES



An Australian Government Initiative



THE ARTS

The **2023 Young Originals Exhibition** features artworks from a small selection of aspiring young artists from Years 7-12 enrolled in Western Australian public schools. Each piece of art is judged by a panel of professional artists and educators who shortlist the works.

After a highly competitive entry round and a comprehensive judging process, the artworks of **three** of our students from Denmark Senior High School were selected for this year's exhibition.

Congratulations to *Lara Hunter* (Year 11), *Anabelle Simpson* and *Arelina Cunningham* (Year 10). Their successful entry into the exhibition is testament to great dedication, skill, and creativity.

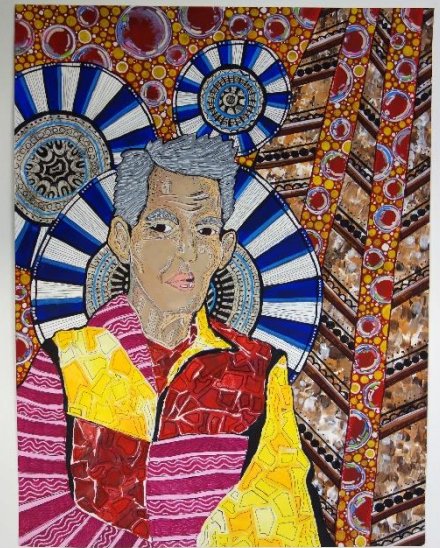
The 2023 exhibition will be held 9 - 29 August at the Spectrum Project Space at Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley and will soon be catalogued online at <https://youngoriginals.com.au> for your viewing pleasure.

Emily Gummer

Top left: Arelina's entry

Top right: Lara's entry

Right: Anabelle's entry



2023
young ORIGINALS

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SPECTRUM PROJECT SPACE
EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY
9-29 August 2023
YOUNGORIGINALS.COM.AU

YEAR 11 MEDIA GOES LIVE ON THE AIR!

Last term, our year 11 media students produced and presented a live 30-minute radio show on DenmarkFM! This was the first remote broadcast for DenmarkFM. The live show served as the culmination of the semester's focus on radio production in which students learned how to introduce music, conduct interviews, and create podcasts. You can listen to much of their work, as well as radio from the area primary schools, on the [Denmark FM School on Air Website](#). A huge thanks to Matt Sivyer for all of your help!



DENMARK FM PRESENTS:
SCHOOLS ON AIR
WEDNESDAYS 3.30 - 4PM
SUNDAYS 8 - 8.30AM (RPT)

INDONESIAN



In Indonesian Language this term we are learning about traditional and modern Indonesian clothing. We are learning about the process of printing batik and have had some fun trying on some of these traditional clothes. We will be learning to talk about likes, dislikes and what Indonesians wear during Indonesian Independence Day celebrations in August.

- Ibu Claire

Period Products

Our school now provides access to free period products for all secondary students, as part of the Western Australian Government rollout across all public secondary schools.

Period products are a fundamental health necessity and having a period should not be a barrier to participating in school. Providing access to free products at school is designed to enable students to stay engaged in their studies and ease some of the cost-of-living pressure for families.

Dispensers have been installed in the female and accessible toilets, where students will be able to take what they need, when they need. Both single-pack Libra-branded pads and multipack tampons are available. Libra products are Australian manufactured and made to Australian Standards.



Our school is committed to providing period health education to all students. This will include discussing the purpose of the dispenser and the safe and hygienic use of period products.

Information available from the following websites may assist you to have conversations about menstrual health and hygiene at home:

- <https://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au/our-bodies/periods>
- <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/menstruation>

2023 YEAR 9 CANBERRA TOUR



On Wednesday 12th of July, 32 students and 4 staff members left Perth airport bound for Canberra via Sydney early in the morning, arriving in Canberra that evening. This was to give students the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

Each day, excursions and tours gave students an understanding of the parliamentary process, how our democracy works and votes and the sacrifices made by countless Australian servicemen and servicewomen throughout the many conflicts our nation has been involved in.

The students were able to lay a wreath in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the War Memorial and speak with a veteran from the Vietnam War to get an understanding of that conflict from someone who had been there.



Students visited the National Gallery, the National Museum, the National Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. They played with the scientific hands-on displays at Questacon, including the 'free fall' where they were able to experience what it would be like to fall from a great height. Some time in the National Film and Sound Archive, to see Australian actors' involvement in Hollywood and a visit to the Australian Institute of Sport rounded out the activities.

Finding out how the Olympic medals are cast and how our coins are created at the Australian Mint occurred, along with a bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin and a

visit to the National Exhibition Centre to find out the history of Canberra's founding.

Astronomically, students visited the Mount Stromlo Observatory and the Canberra Deep Space Complex,

where they were able to see a genuine moon rock and the radio antenna that brought the images of the moon landing in 1969 to earth.

Students attended the Geoscience Centre, Government House with a tour of the gardens and the Canberra Glassworks where they made a glass tile of their own design.



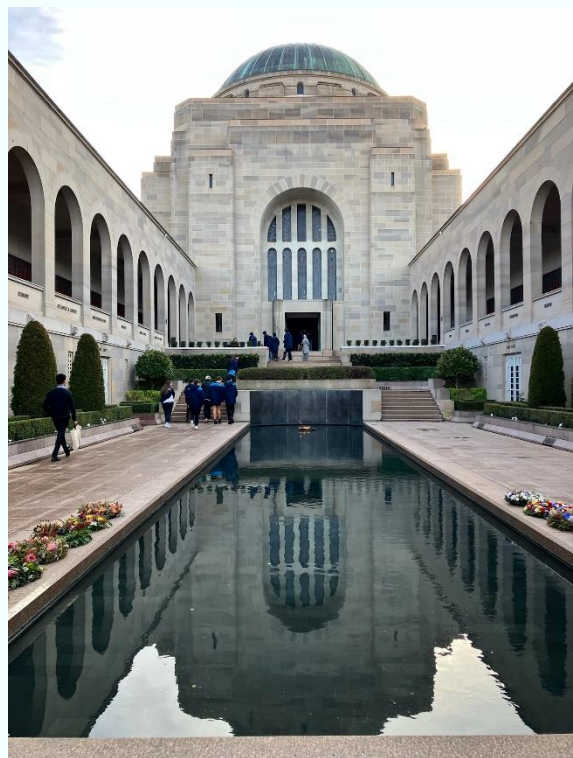
A highlight for many students was their first visit to the snow at Selwyn Resort. A long day travel via Cooma to collect skiing equipment, a two hour ski lesson and then a short time on the slopes was enjoyed by all.

The weekend activities saw students attending local markets and Cockington Green gardens, a miniature village where they all had a ride on the steam train.

Thanks go particularly to the teachers, Mr Anthony Ritchie, Mr Steve Bergmann and Mr Wayne Austin for giving up some of their holiday time and being available to the students 24 hours a day. Also a special thank you to Ms Janine Watts, who accompanied the group as our female staff member, giving up her time to do the same.



The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed \$1275 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



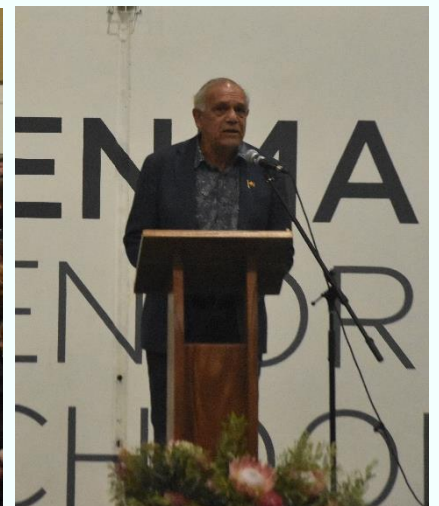
NAIDOC Week 2023 DSHS



We kicked off our NAIDOC celebrations with a NAIDOC Week Opening Assembly on Monday morning. We had Uncle Lester deliver a 'Welcome to Country' followed by a dance performance by Binar Futures and ex Denmark SHS student Tamainia Jones.

Ms Palmer says "Massive congratulations to Lilla and all of the other people involved in this morning's NAIDOC Week Opening Assembly. It was hands down THE BEST NAIDOC assembly I have ever had the privilege of attending.

To see the whole school come together in such a positive way to celebrate Aboriginal culture and history was truly an amazing experience. I have been overwhelmed with positive feedback and have made every effort to pass that on to Lilla and the crew. It really does showcase what an amazing school community we have."





NEW PARTICIPANTS Year 8 -12

Does your student do soccer, football, art club, karate, netball, basketball, cricket, mountain bike riding, surf club or another afterschool or weekend activity? Are they 14 or above?

Well... they are already on their way to earning the **Duke of Edinburgh International Award.**

All they need to do:

1. Sign up on the website with parent permission. There is a fee to join.
2. Keep a diary of what they do each session.
3. Complete 3 activities (a skill, a physical recreation, and a community service). No time limit to complete.
4. Go on a camp which we call 'an adventurous journey' with other students. Our 2022 camp was a hike from Greens Pool back to School, our 2021 camp was climbing Castle Rock and Bluff Knoll.

If this sparks your attention, read the attached flyer or feel free to contact Jodie Pollard for more information.

CURRENT PARTICIPANTS Year 8-12

Please make the time to check in with Ms Pollard (Food room) to check out any updates and to see how you are progressing.



YEAR 10 NAIDOC COOKING EVENT

As a part of NAIDOC Week at Denmark SHS, the Year 10 'My Restaurant Rules' class were able to prepare and cook various indigenous inspired recipes. On the menu they had Marron with a Lemon Myrtle Emulsion, Yonga (kangaroo) with Beach Herbs and Lemon Myrtle Emulsion, Cockles Spaghetti Vongole and Damper. The results were delicious!



Information for parents – The impact of holidays during school time

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

This is why we strongly encourage you not to go on family holidays during school time.

Why is going to school regularly so important?

At school, many concepts (such as literacy and numeracy) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘showing up’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student’s learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

The *School Education Act 1999* does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term. As students are required to attend school every day, time off for holidays is recorded as an absence.

What can you do?

We strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn’t miss out on school.

Please contact office staff if you have been considering taking a holiday during the school term. This will allow us to discuss the learning your child would be missing out on.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



GET READY FOR THE FIRE SEASON

Bushfire Ready Weekend November 3, 4 and 5 2023.
Making Denmark and Your Property Bushfire Safe
Sundowner / Information Sessions / BFB Games
Mark it down on your Calendar.

For more information please contact **Murray Brooker**
on 0429 094 136 or daisybrook@westnet.com.au



OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2023

10am - 3pm

Our open day showcases the College and celebrates the work of our students.

STUDY ATAR - WACE - VET

Certificates in Agriculture, Automotive Vocational Preparation, Engineering Pathways, Horse Care, Forest Operations, Conservation and Ecosystems Management.

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Looking for something to do after school on Tuesdays?

Join the Denmark Senior High School Emergency Services Cadets and participate in a range of activities that will develop your leadership and life skills and do it with a sense of community responsibility and service.



Students taking part in the Emergency Services Cadets undertake adventurous training, camping, hiking, sporting activities and exercise their leadership potential.

Cadets also can work towards recognition for their commitments through the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Award is a leading structured (non-formal education) youth development program, empowering all students to explore their full potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world, regardless of their location or circumstance. The Award is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations. To achieve an Award, each student must learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community (Emergency Services Cadets) and experience a team adventure in a new environment.



Contact Rob Jones for more details

The Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a leading and highly recognised youth development program, enabling and empowering young people to realise their full potential and build a brighter future.

Each young person who takes part in the Award learns a skill, improves their physical wellbeing, volunteers in their community and undertakes an Adventurous Journey within a team.

All Participants are guided and supported by a network of trained adult Award Leaders, Assessors, supervisors, and mentors.

Key Award Facts

AUSTRALIA

- Over 40,000 young people participate in the Award in Australia each year
- The Award is supported by a network of 60,000+ adult volunteers acting as Award leaders, Assessors and Supervisors.
- 850,000+ volunteer hours p.a
- The Award can be found in over 1,200 locations and institutions across Australia including cities, rural and remote areas, through Government and independent schools, universities, Indigenous communities, refugee support programs, detention centres, community organisations, disability groups and other youth programs.
- 775,000+ Australians have participated in the Award since it's inception.

INTERNATIONALLY

- The Award operates in more than 130 countries with 1.2m Participants
- Over 8 million young people have participated worldwide.

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Some things need to be experienced in the flesh with real people and sometimes outside your comfort zone. These are the things that fill you with real life experience and a feeling of independence and satisfaction that can never be taken away.

This is what The Duke of Ed is all about.

A challenging journey full of friends and fun, creating unforgettable memories along the way. Equipping and empowering you for whatever you decide to do with your life.

Award Elements

Age:

Open to all young people aged 14 to 24

Three Levels:

Bronze, Silver & Gold, each progressively more challenging

Four Sections:

Physical Recreation, Skill, Voluntary Service, Adventurous Journey (plus Gold Residential Project at Gold level)

Key Requirements:

Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement. Supervised by an Award Leader and Activity Assessor/mentor.



Bronze

- 6 months
- Physical Recreation, Skill, Voluntary Service, Adventurous Journey



Silver

- 6 months
- 12 months for direct entrants
- Physical Recreation, Skill, Voluntary Service, Adventurous Journey



Gold

- 12 months
- 18 months for direct entrants
- Physical Recreation, Skill, Voluntary Service, Adventurous Journey, Gold Residential Project

Impact And Benefits

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery, our Participants:

- 1 Are equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best
- 2 Learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices
- 3 Become connected to and actively engaged within their immediate community.
- 4 Make a real difference to society through their positive contributions and involvement
- 5 Learn to persevere and overcome barriers to success
- 6 Learn important life skills such as communication, resilience, leadership and teamwork, which increases their career opportunities

