



THE WAY



• Year 11 and 12 hikers with staff.





Kariong Falls.



Patonga at last.

DUKES PARTICIPANTS EXPLORE THE GREAT NORTH WALK

Silver and Gold participants for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award enjoyed a scenic expedition

A small group of Year 11 and 12 students enjoyed an expedition to walk in the Somersby to Patonga section of the Great North Walk to the west of Gosford last vacation. This walk delights with its beauty and variety, providing both dense rainforest with caves and waterfalls and rocky ridges that provide spectacular views.

The Gold students are most experienced and enjoyed this final opportunity to walk together and work as a team. **Dom, Ali, Cameron** and **Chris** have been exploring the bush together since Year 9 and this was a most enjoyable last hurrah. They have learned the importance of thorough preparation and accurate navigation as well as setting up a comfortable camp in often inhospitable conditions.

The Silver students learned much from hiking with the Gold team and showed that they are also resourceful and most capable in the bush. The expedition was completed most successfully and

accompanying staff enjoyed the opportunity to share this with students. Thanks goes to them for giving up their time to help in this way.
