



# THE WAY











## WHY STUDENTS LOVE DUKES PLUS GET DISCOUNTS ON GEAR FROM KATHMANDU!

Ever wondered what Thomas Hassall students think of Dukes?

Zac (Year 11) tells us why he loves being part of the Duke program:

“Hi, my name is Zac and I’m in Year 11. I’m currently in the process of completing my Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Thomas Hassall’s Duke of Edinburgh program (or Dukes for short) is a great challenge. I thoroughly enjoy completing Dukes and encourage others to complete it themselves. Dukes helps you participate in different activities and keeps you organised and self-motivated. Dukes participants have to complete 4 categories: Skills, Service, Physical Recreation and an Adventurous Journey. The adventurous journey is probably the most fun part of the program as you spend time with friends hiking through the bush. It’s a great bonding experience that is a refreshing escape from the craziness of school and life in general. The hikes are challenging but everyone supports one another and a real sense of comradery is present. Not only does the Dukes program allow you to go on hikes and participate in activities but upon completion, we receive awards that are internationally recognised. Obtaining a Duke of Edinburgh Award shows persistence and is a great reminder of the challenges faced to achieve an award held with much esteem.”

Kathmandu are offering huge discounts for Thomas Hassall students and parents. As a part of their Gear Up program, Kathmandu Macarthur over the weekend of Friday April 13 – Sunday April 15 offer a tailored program to give you the right information on gear with expert advice, 45-65% off full priced Kathmandu gear and a Free Summit Club Membership (worth \$10). More information to follow, including the special barcode needed for the event.

For more information about the Dukes program at Thomas Hassall, contact Niamh Friel (Duke of Ed Co-ordinator) at [nfriel@thac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nfriel@thac.nsw.edu.au).