



THE WAY







BRONZE & SILVER DUKE OF ED HIKES!

End of Term 3 brought exciting adventures for our Duke of Ed participants.

Both the Bronze and the Silver groups ventured out to the Blue Mountains to practice, test and refine their navigational and camp craft skills.

Bronze completed their qualification hike in Glenbrook over two days. They had to work in small teams to successfully navigate and lead their group through marked tracks and trackless bush bashing. They also had to complete a problem-solving initiative by building a raft that could carry a small amount of weight across the Nepean River. The Bronze participants completed their hike with great care and achievement and continue in their Bronze award as they participate in a physical recreation, a skill and serve in a local community project.

Silver completed their preliminary hike in the Wild Dog Mountains (via Megalong Valley). It was quite a physically demanding hike and over the three days, participants proved they had the mental toughness to complete the hike. As this was their preliminary hike, participants could practice their navigation and camp craft skills learnt at the Bronze level in a new environment with a new route. They completed the hike with many successes and I'm looking forward to seeing them refine their skills on their qualification hike in November.

Well done to the Bronze and Silver participants!

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