



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

**On Thursday the 17th of November, 21 students from Year 11 departed the College to complete the Silver Qualifying Adventurous Journey in Megalong Valley in the Blue Mountains.**

“Duke of Edinburgh is an amazing program which I believe integrates the College Graduate Aims into its participants.

I was keen to participate in the Silver Qualifying hike as I was excited to implement the skills I had learnt within the Preliminary hike I took part in during May this year. Whilst I found this journey to be more challenging than the previous hikes I have participated in within my Bronze and Silver endeavors, I found it really rewarding to see my peers complete the challenge whilst displaying kindness, courage and perseverance.

Something that is really unique about the Duke of Edinburgh program is the high value placed on teamwork; no one is able to complete the journey without the help of and without helping their peers and teachers. This includes carrying other people’s gear, sharing and collecting supplies for others, motivating others or helping to put up a tent. At the end of our three days, we aren’t able to leave on the bus until all students and teachers have made it to the ‘finish line’ - all participants know this and act accordingly to support, encourage and uplift each other.

Myself and my peers are extremely grateful to have amazing teachers who are willing to give up their time and make Duke of Edinburgh possible. It is so inspiring to see and connect with our teachers outside of the classroom and within this setting, and we value the time and effort they

put forward.” - Charlotte S

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