Dear Parent(s),

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award is now being offered through Burwood Girls High School. The Award is a non-competitive program of community, practical, adventurous and physical activities embracing the four categories of Volunteering, Skills, Adventurous Journey and Physical Recreation. These provide an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self-esteem which will help them become more confident members of the community. Participation in the Award is highly regarded by many employers and organisations.

Participants, in conjunction with adult helpers, devise an individual program of activities which is flexible enough to satisfy their enthusiasm and meet their aptitudes, capabilities and available resources.

There are three levels of Award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. All participants will be attempting the Bronze Award. Upon achievement of the Award participants may elect to attempt the Silver Award if they wish, although this may need to be undertaken with another “registered operator” of the Award.

Please consider all the information carefully with your daughter. As you will soon see, the onus is very much on the participant to devise a program, determine its suitability and feasibility, organise instructors/assessors and progress accordingly. We anticipate strong interest in participating in the program and numbers may need to be limited.

Information regarding the Award can be found on the website http://www.dukeofed.com.au/. Students will be required to register their Award through the website and should familiarise themselves with the online interface.

We hope your daughter will take advantage of this opportunity to join the Award. If a decision is made to attempt the Award please complete the preliminary permission slip below and return (with payment) to the Front Office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact me at guy.mcculloch@education.nsw.edu.au or 9747 3355.

Yours faithfully,

Guy McCulloch (DOE Coordinator)

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**BRONZE**

Pay at the front office and then return the permission slip to Mr McCulloch in the Social Sciences Staffroom ASAP. Please bring the correct money when paying.

I give permission for my daughter (full name) ______________________

to begin participation in the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award** at Burwood Girls High School. Please find enclosed $120 to cover registration, insurance and a training day.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________

Print name: _________________________________________