

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR HONG KONG AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the HKAYP Award to you and ask for students who are interested to apply to take part during Year 10. I have introduced the HKAYP Bronze Award to Students during today's assembly.

### Introduction to HKAYP Bronze

The Hong Kong Award for Young People is a prestigious and well-recognized qualification, which is recognized and respected in many parts of the world also known as the International Award. It has 3 levels Bronze, (starting in Year 10), continuing to Silver usually in Year 12 and Gold in Year 13.

There are 4 components to the Bronze Award all of which need to be completed in order to qualify for the award. Its important that if your sons and daughters are willing to complete all aspects of the award during Year 10 or 11. They should consider their other commitments carefully.

Expedition	Consists of Training Sessions and Practice journeys in the Sai Kung Area of Hong Kong. This is organized by School
Skill	Needs to be followed for a period of 6 months with regular (weekly) participation.
Service	Minimum if 15 hours spread over at least 3 months
Physical Recreation	Regular Participation in a sport/physical recreation over a minimum of 6 weeks

The School organizes the Expeditions section above but the other areas need to be completed more independently though they may be monitored by staff and advice and guidance will be given during the early parts of the training. It is possible to complete the award by the end of year 10 but all sections must be completed and recorded in the HKAYP booklet which students will be given when they start.

### How to apply to take part in HKAYP Bronze?

This is normally a popular choice and we are now inviting applications to enroll on the Bronze Programme, which will commence in August 2016. In order to take part please check the following: -

1. Your Son/daughter will be available on the following dates\* for the practice expeditions. They will need to be appropriately equipped and in reasonable fitness. Students provide their own food during expeditions. At this stage these dates are provisional so may change slightly. **If expeditions are missed it will not be possible to complete the award.**

October 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Training Expedition at Pak Sha O Youth Hostel
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Practice Expedition Over Night Camping at Wan Tsai
February 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Expedition Overnight Camping at Ham Tin
February 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Assessment Week End in case of poor weather

(\* subject to final confirmation on school calendar)

2. Please complete the consent and medical forms attached. It is **essential that medical details are comprehensive**, as staff need to know the medical details of the students taking part. We will ask you for any relevant updates prior to each expedition.
3. Please also complete the personal details form attached and return together with a passport sized photo (please print the student's name and tutor group on back)
4. There is an additional charge for HKAYP of \$1800 this covers all expenses including transportation, provision of maps, a compass water bottles as we'll as use of tents and cooking equipment/fuel. All trips are carefully supervised and monitored by staff volunteers. Please could you make a cheque payable to South Island School for HK\$1800 Please write the students' name and Tutor group on the reverse. (Please note that if you are successfully accepted and commence the AYP programme and then subsequently "drop out" part way through it is school policy that no refunds are made).
5. Please study the "Essential" equipment list attached. Your AYP application assumes you are willing to ensure your sons and daughters will source these essential equipment items.

Please understand that we have a maximum capacity of **60 places** on HKAYP due to safety, staffing and equipment limitations.

### Application Process

Applications will be given priority on a first come first served basis for the first 40 places so long as all of the requirements above are satisfied. Following that, students will be selected at random. Please return all the forms and paperwork to School Reception from Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>. You will be told by e-mail if your application has been approved by June 15<sup>th</sup>. **If we are seriously oversubscribed, we will stop accepting applications from 8.30am on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> in which case we will inform you.** Thank you for your understanding in this matter, I wish you all good luck with your applications.

If you are unsuccessful in your application, you may collect your cheque/photo from **Ms. Connie Ha** before the end of term. My sincere apologies if you are disappointed.

Further details on the award can be found at the HKAYP website <http://www.ayp.org.hk/en/home.php>

The Bronze award is co-run by myself and a large team of staff volunteers. We have a maximum number of participants of 60 and it is normally a very popular activity. A number of sessions are run as a part of the Year 10 Enrichment programme but we will also usually require students attend additional sessions after school on some Wednesdays, especially before or after expeditions.

Please e mail me should you have any questions

Andy Morris (HKAYP/CAS Coordinator)

Please return the following items to Reception in the School Main Office. Kindly put the cheque and forms in a clearly marked envelope (Student Name/Form HKAYP Application)

1. A cheque made payable to South Island School for \$1800 with your child's name and tutor group written on the back
2. Consent form for your child to take part in HKAYP Camps
3. The Completed ESF Medical form
4. A passport Sized photo with full your child's name and form written on the back

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