

Hong Kong Award for Young People Bronze Award Fact Sheet 2018

What is the HKAYP?

Similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award it is part of the “International Award Scheme” and widely respected and recognized by many HE establishments and employers.

It requires 4 sections to be successfully completed.

- Skill (6 months)
- Physical Recreation (Usually by Participation)
- Service (15 hours’ regular community service over 3 months)
- Expedition (Training, Practice Journeys plus Assessment Expedition)

Enrollment and Selection

Open to students in Year 9 through a random selection process. We have capacity for 80 students. The enrolment process will start after the introductory assembly on May 29th. Information will be sent to all students by e mail.

HKAYP at South Island

We offer the award at Bronze (Year10) Silver (Year 12) and Gold (Year 13) levels. We mainly support the expedition section while giving advice in other areas. Lessons take place in enrichment lessons (2 hours per fortnight) over the first two terms. Students must complete 3 compulsory camps/expeditions. In 2016 we began a partnership with Outward Bound Hong Kong and one of the 3 camps will be run by Outward Bound. These are the **provisional** camp dates.

- Friday 26th October-Sat 27th October
- Friday 30th November to Saturday 1st December*
- Friday 22nd February to Saturday-23rd February

**There is a chance that December Expedition may need to happen on 7-8th December as we are waiting on final confirmation of dates from Outward Bound.*

Costs

An additional fee of HK\$2000 per student is charged to cover this activity. This covers admin, charges, insurance, transportation use of tents/other equipment. Maps compasses and water bottles which are provided to the students

How Fit Do you need to be?

Students will eventually be expected to complete a 2 Day expedition covering a minimum of 25km in Sai Kung Country park carrying a full back pack. A minimum level of fitness and a reasonably determined mental attitude is necessary.

Any Special Equipment Needed?

For Expeditions we insist on proper hiking boots (preferred) or shoes, a 60l litre (minimum) back pack, a head torch and a proper set of waterproofs, sleeping bag, sleeping mat. Gear is checked prior to each expedition and students are not allowed to take part if they are inadequately equipped.

Staffing on Expedition

Students are closely monitored on expeditions by our staff (or outward bound staff). All staff are volunteers and have previous experience of leading groups in Hong Kong. By the final assessment students are expected to make their decisions regarding their route and while there are usually staff with the group it is hoped that the group makes all decisions. In the second and third trips students may complete short and straight forward sections without direct supervision

Further Information can be found on the HKAYP website

<http://www.ayp.org.hk/en/home.php>

Please think carefully about your decision to join HKAYP. Please only sign up if you are fully committed to the whole programme. We expect students to complete their HKAYP in the summer term of year 10 or first term of Year 11.

Other Opportunities to Join HKAYP.

In our school we also run Silver and Gold programmes. There is an opportunity for a limited number of students to enroll on direct silver at the start of Year 12.

It is also possible to enroll on HKAYP through organizations such as the Boys Brigade or Scouts though these are often delivered in Cantonese language.

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