



## Hong Kong Award for Young People Bronze Award Fact Sheet 2019

### What is the HKAYP?

Similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, it is part of the “International Award Scheme”, widely respected and recognised by many higher education establishments and employers.

It requires 4 sections to be successfully completed.

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

### Enrolment and Selection

HKAYP is 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 28 May. Information will be sent to all students and parents by e-mail.

### HKAYP at South Island

We offer the award at Bronze (Year 10), 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 25 October – Saturday 26 October 2019
- Friday 29 November – Saturday 30 November 2019\*
- Friday 7 February – Saturday 8 February 2020

*\*There is a chance that the December Expedition may need to happen on 6-7 December 2019 as we are waiting on final confirmation of dates from Outward Bound.*

### Costs

An additional fee of approx. HK\$2000 per student is charged to cover this activity. This covers admin, charges, insurance, transportation, use of tents and other equipment. Maps, compasses and water bottles 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 backpack. 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 minimum of 60-litre backpack, a head torch and a proper set of waterproof sleeping bag and 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 the 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 enrol on direct Silver at the start of Year 12.

It is also possible to enrol on HKAYP through organisations such as the Boys Brigade or Scouts, though these are sometimes delivered in Cantonese language.

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