

ENDEAVOUR PROGRAM

2025





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Welcome to Hunter Valley Grammar School's Endeavour Program

We are excited to launch The Endeavour Program, our new "Education Outside of the Classroom" (EOTC) experience developed for our Year 10 and Year 11 students in 2025.

At HVGS, Experiential Learning opportunities develop students to be inquiring and caring young people through lived, real-world experiences that go beyond the classroom setting. Learning through experience allows students to actively explore new concepts and transform knowledge to construct meaning.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, HVGS values excellence in holistic education. Experiential Learning fosters the development of the IB Learner Profiles and vital Approaches to Learning Skills (ATLs) such as critical thinking, communication, self-management, research skills, and social skills. It contributes to important wellbeing outcomes that promote health and wellbeing, pro-social behaviour, and community cohesion. Experiential Learning provides an avenue to develop and promote our HVGS Values.

The HVGS Endeavour Program, provides a range of Experiential Learning opportunities that promote active lifestyles, higher civic engagement, improved social and emotional skills, and an appreciation of the natural environment.

The HVGS Endeavour Program is a rich personal and relational undertaking that challenges our HVGS students to be active, compassionate, outwardly focused global citizens. It embodies our school motto 'Success through Endeavour'. The four Pillars of Endeavour are:

- Challenge
- Service
- Leadership
- Connection

Year 10 and Year 11 students in 2025 (our current Year 9 and Year 10 students in 2024) will have the opportunity to select from a range of expeditions occurring either locally, interstate or internationally.

Challenge: The HVGS EOTC program is rigorous and intentionally challenging. It focuses on developing students' resilience when presented with situations which require them to face the discomfort of new experiences and different ways of thinking. Challenge may present physically, cognitively, socially, or emotionally.

Service: The EOTC experience requires students to engage 'with others in a shared commitment towards a common good'. Through service, students build an understanding of their own sense of agency to act as outwardly focused, responsible citizens. Meaningful service engagement reflects and models the IB Service-learning Outcomes.

Leadership: Students engage with experiences which require them to support team and group activities, demonstrate the Schools Values and act as advocates for maintaining high HVGS expectations.

Connection: Students participate in structured experiences designed to develop positive relationships with the environment, others, and ourselves through interaction with the natural world and diverse environments. Collaborative team-building activities and peer interactions promote problem solving, perspective taking and enhanced communication skills.

LOCAL NSW OPTIONS





HAWKESBURY RIVER KAYAKING EXPEDITION

Duke of Edinburgh, Silver

Location: Hawkesbury River, NSW

Proposed Tour Dates: Sunday, 6 April 2025 - Friday, 11 April 2025 (6 days)

Minimum/Maximum Students: Maximum 24 students (3 groups of 8)

Cost to Families: \$0.00

Accommodation: Tents

Transportation: Coach

Tour Overview

Students will undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Kayak Expedition at the Hawkesbury River, NSW. They will plan and lead the expedition and the meals required for the duration of the trip.

Tour Requirements

- Students will need a medium level of physical fitness to undertake this tour and should be prepared to engage with lead up work/skill training prior to the expedition.
- Students will provide their own sleeping mats, sleeping bags and food.
- HVGS will supply equipment such as tents, packs and stoves.

If students have previously completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE), this tour will allow them to achieve their Silver DofE.

Tour and Company Information *Out and About Adventures*



GLENWORTH VALLEY

Cultural and Camping Expedition

Location: Glenworth Valley, NSW

Proposed Tour Dates: Monday, 7 April 2025 - Friday, 11 April 2025 (5 days)

Minimum/Maximum Students: 20 - 120 students

Cost to Families: \$0.00

Accommodation: Tents

Transportation: Coach

Tour Overview

This cross-cultural camping experience gives students the opportunity to engage in both traditional camp activities as well as learning about the Darkinjung culture of the Central Coast.

Experiences include:

- Camp activities: Laser tag, kayaking, abseiling, horse riding.
- Bush walks: Somersby Falls, Girrakool.
- Bush tucker, yabbing.
- Learning about culturally significant sites across the Central Coast.
- Opportunities to engage in traditional dance and contemporary Aboriginal art.

Tour Requirements

None

Tour and Company Information

Glenworth Valley Wilderness Adventures



JINDABYNE AND SNOWY MOUNTAINS TOUR

Location: Kosciuszko National Park, Jindabyne, NSW
Proposed Tour Dates: Monday, 7 April 2025 - Friday, 11 April 2025 (5 days)
Minimum/Maximum Students: 20 - 120 students
Cost to Families: \$0.00
Accommodation: Dorm style
Transportation: Coach

Tour Overview

Activities include:

- Abseiling and rock climbing
- Mountain biking
- River sledding
- Alpine hiking with an overnight camp

Tour Requirements

None

Tour and Company Information

Action Learning Initiatives

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INTERSTATE OPTIONS



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GREAT BARRIER REEF

Marine Conservation Tour

Location: Great Barrier Reef, Cairns, QLD

Proposed Tour Dates: Sunday, 6 April 2025 - Friday, 11 April 2025 (6 days)

Minimum/Maximum Students: 15 - 30 students

Cost to Families: \$2,000 - \$2,500 (approximately)

Accommodation: Youth Hostels Australia (YHA), Cairns (including breakfast)

Transportation: Flights from Newcastle to Cairns

Tour Overview

This marine conservation program offers students the opportunity to assist Ocean 2 Earth with an established reef monitoring program.

Students help a team of marine biologists and other industry professionals to support long term coral health in the Great Barrier Reef and join forces with marine debris initiatives to clean up the Reef. Students will contribute to providing a healthy environment for marine species to flourish.

Students will also participate in other conservation activities and environmental research which contribute to the preservation of Far North Queensland eco-systems.

There are three key project components:

- Research
- Conservation
- Indigenous context

Tour Requirements

Participants must have enthusiasm, compassion for marine life, be a competent swimmer (50m independently) and have a team spirit!

It will be all hands on deck to achieve the crucial goals of this mission!

Tour and Company Information

Oceans 2 Earth Volunteers.

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CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Cultural Tour

- Location:** Central Australia, Alice Springs
- Proposed Tour Dates:** Saturday, 5 April 2025 - Friday, 11 April 2025 (7 days)
- Minimum/Maximum Students:** 15 - 30 students
- Cost to Families:** \$2,800 - \$3,300 (approximately)
- Accommodation:** Out-station Dormitory
- Transportation:** Flights from Sydney

Tour Overview

The tour has a cultural education focus. Time spent On Country at Lilla, a remote Aboriginal outstation, is often the highlight for students on this tour. At Lilla, students will meet local traditional owners who will lead them in various cultural activities.

Students will enjoy guided hikes through sites such as Kings Canyon, Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park.

Tour Requirements

Students will need a sleeping bag, pillow and cutlery.

Tour and Company Information

Remote Education Tours

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INTERNATIONAL OPTIONS





FIJI SPORTS AND EDUCATION TOUR

Location: Nadi, Fiji

Proposed Tour Dates: Saturday, 5 April 2025 - Sunday 13 April 2025 (9 days)

Minimum/Maximum Students: 15 - 30 students

Cost to Families: \$3,000 - \$3,500 (approximately)

Accommodation: Dormitories

Transportation: Flights from Sydney

Tour Overview

This tour offers cultural immersion in village life and the opportunity to support the Petero Civoniceva Foundation (PCF) in local primary schools. Guided by PCF staff, students will provide sports engagements, culminating in a primary schools' sports carnival. HVGS will be tasked with coaching, officiating or logistics.

Tour Requirements

- Commitment to fundraising for sports equipment.
- Commitment to building relationships with schools prior to the tour.

Tour and Company Information

Petero Civoniceva Foundation

peterosfoundation.org

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KOKODA TRAIL

Duke of Edinburgh, Gold

Location: Papua New Guinea

Proposed Tour Dates: Friday, 4 April 2025 - Monday, 14 April 2025 (11 days)

(dates subject to flight availability)

Minimum/Maximum Students: 10 - 20 students

Cost to Families: \$6,600 - \$6,800 (approximately - subject to flight costs)

Parents can attend this tour with their child (at an additional cost)

Accommodation: Hotel on the first and last nights, 9 nights camping during the trek.

Transportation:

- Return coach transfers from Hunter Valley Grammar School to/ from Sydney.
- Flight from Sydney to Port Moresby (*subject to schedule and costs).
- Port Moresby airport transfers.
- Transport from Owers Corner to Port Moresby.

Tour Overview

Kokoda Trek includes:

- Local Trek Master
- Personal Porter per person included
- Trek Leader
- Australian Historical Guide
- Two (2) person tent (each) & ground sheet
- Permits and fees along the Kokoda Track
- Hand on Humanity day at Menari Village

Tour Requirements

- Physical capacity to engage in high physical exertion.
- Commitment to pre-expedition training.
- Commitment to fundraising.

Tour and Company Information

The Australian Travel Company

The Australian travel Company has supported many HVGS Tours over the years and each time has provided exceptional service to both the School and our families.

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MARINE BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY TOUR

Location: Koh Tao, Thailand

Proposed Tour Dates: Saturday, 5 April 2025 - Monday, 14 April 2025 (10 days)

Dates subject to flight availability

Minimum/Maximum Students: Minimum 20 students

Cost to Families: \$3,700 - \$3,900 (approximately)

Subject to flight costs

Accommodation: Hotel

Transportation: Flights from Sydney

Tour Overview

Working with local organisations, students will learn about regional and global environmental issues, marine conservation, coral reef systems and local marine life. Students will contribute to local efforts by constructing an artificial reef.

Tour Requirements

- Be a competent swimmer of minimum of 50m (independently).
- Commitment to fundraising.

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Tour and Company Information

World Expedition Tours



VIETNAM COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT

Location: Hanoi and Hoi An

Proposed Tour Dates: Friday, 4 April 2025 - Sunday, 13 April 2025 (10 days)

**Subject to flight availability*

Minimum/Maximum Students: Minimum 20 students

Cost to Families: \$3,000 - \$3,500

Subject to flight costs and student numbers

Accommodation: Homestay and Hotel

Transportation: Flights from Sydney

Tour Overview

This tour includes a service learning component. While away, students will undertake a construction project working with local trades people to build a home for a local family.

Students will also be immersed in cultural tours through Hanoi and Hoi An.

Tour Requirements

- Students must have a commitment to fundraising for the construction materials needed for the build. They should also have the ability to engage with the construction project.
- Vaccinations as recommended by your GP.
- Students should be open to new cultural experiences that include new foods and ways of living.

Tour and Company Information

Edventure Travel

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