



## ***Advance 2017 – Approval Form***

The **Advance** program is a community based leadership program that is run by the school as one of our Year 9 specialist subjects. This subject is partially funded by the Department of education and Training. As such, all of the activities that are run for the students require a level of commitment on behalf of the student in completing the course and because of this a selection process has been implemented. Selection will be based on various factors including responses in this form and students' attitude to schooling, level of commitment and behaviour.

To be a part of the **Advance** program, students are required to complete community service and attend a compulsory bush walking camp to qualify for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award and a First Aid Certificate. If selected, it is understood that you will complete the Community Service and, consequently, the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. These are all required for a satisfactory result in this elective subject.

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.**

### **Community Service**

What do you understand Community Service to be?

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*Throughout the course, you will participate in various community service placements. Community Service placements may include: an aged care facility, a childcare facility, a Kindergarten or an environmental project.*

If you could not do your first preference activity for community service, how would you react?

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What would you do if, when you were doing community service, you were given a task that you did not like?

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**The Duke of Edinburgh Award**

The Advance program involves a compulsory bush walking expedition in order to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze medallion award. Do you think you would attend the camp? What do you think you will get out of this experience?

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In order to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award, you have to undertake a “skill” and “physical recreation” over three and/or six months. Do you think you have the level of commitment that is required for this sort of program? Why?

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**Community Leadership**

Please indicate any community service/school leadership programs you have done previously been involved in that demonstrate your commitment to this leadership program.

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**Summary**

Please indicate in the space provided why you think you should be chosen to participate in the Advance program.

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In order to be a part of the **Advance** program, I understand that my child will complete the Community Service, First Aid Certificate and attend a camp in order to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardians Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Selection in the Advance program will be made by the school: there are a limited number of places.**