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### YOUNG ACHIEVERS STRIKE GOLD

The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, presented 119 young people with Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at Government House in Sydney.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, said the Gold Award is the highest level of the internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh's personal development program for young people.

"The Duke of Edinburgh's Award challenges young individuals to improve themselves and their communities," Mr Annesley said.

Gold Award recipients have completed five key endeavours which include:

- an adventurous journey, such as bush walking, kayaking or sailing through difficult terrain;
- learning personal skills, in fields as diverse as sewing, car maintenance, and non-English languages;
- building fitness through physical recreation, such as indoor, outdoor and endurance sports;
- volunteering for community service, including for organisations such as Surf Life Saving, Riding for the Disabled, and Army Cadets; and
- a residential project away from home, such as attending a music or sporting camp or even working on a humanitarian project overseas.

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello MP, who has responsibility for Youth Affairs and Volunteering, said the Duke of Edinburgh's Award offers valuable opportunities for young people to engage with and contribute to their community.

"I commend all of the Awardees on their outstanding achievements and thank them for the many hours of volunteer work they have given to community organisations

"It is inspiring to see young people set themselves a challenging goal and work hard to achieve it – a view I am sure will be shared by future employers," Mr Dominello said.

"This year more than 8500 registered participants in NSW are undertaking the Award, and I sincerely congratulate all of the young Gold Award recipients on their dedication and outstanding achievements," Mr Annesley said.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 25. For more information visit [www.theaward.com.au](http://www.theaward.com.au).

A list of Gold Award recipients is attached.



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### October 2011 Gold Award Recipients

Name	Suburb	Award Provider
Mr William Smidt	Armidale	The Armidale School
Miss Rachael Woods	Artarmon	Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College
Miss Zoe Brown	Avalon	Brigidine College St Ives
Miss Chelsea Jones	Avalon	Barrenjoey High School
Mr Jonathan Flick	Bangor	St George Christian School
Mr Ethan Emery	Barrington	Gloucester High School
Miss Samantha Hanington	Beacon Hill	St Luke's Grammar School
Miss Hannah Goto	Beecroft	Arden Anglican School - Secondary Campus
Miss Stephanie Lee	Belfield	North Sydney Girls High School
Mr Nathan Hauser	Bellevue Hill	Moriah College
Mr Harrison Frost	Bilgola	Barrenjoey High School
Miss Tess Kelly	Birchgrove	Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College
Miss Zoe Colman	Blackheath	Blue Mountains Grammar School
Miss Beatriz Grattan-Smith	Bowral	Frensham School
Miss Katherine Miller	Bowral	Frensham School
Miss Anamika Chelliah	Carlingford	Tara Anglican School for Girls
Mr Hayden Protich	Castle Cove	St Ignatius' College Riverview
Mr Robert Selbie	Castle Cove	Sydney Grammar School
Mr Kurtis Bellemore	Castle Hill	St Ignatius' College Riverview
Miss Jennifer Rhodes	Castle Hill	Meriden School
Mr Matthew Rowe	Castlecrag	The Armidale School
Miss Meaghan Gall	Chatswood West	Ravenswood School For Girls
Miss Olivia Miley-Dyer	Clovelly	St Vincent's College
Miss Phoebe Miley-Dyer	Clovelly	Sydney Girls High School
Miss Whitney Lane	Concord	Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney
Mr Jarryd Horn	Cooranbong	229 Army Cadet Unit South Lakes (Morriset)
Miss Chiara Pagano	Cronulla	St Patrick's College - Sutherland
Miss Rachel Armstrong	Croydon	Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney
Miss Zainub Zaidi	Croydon Park	Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney
Miss Tara Blanche	Davidson	Brigidine College St Ives
Miss Claire Campbell	Davidson	Oxford Falls Grammar School
Miss Hanne Pedersen	Davidson	Brigidine College St Ives
Mr Andrew Gray	Doonside	Hawkesbury Rangers
Miss Shirley Leung	Epping	North Sydney Girls High School
Miss Claire Jelfs	Epping	Loreto Normanhurst
Mr Weng-Jern Leong	Figtree	Figtree High School
Miss Annabelle Scott	Forbes	Ascham School
Miss Lauren Spooner	Forestville	Loreto Kirribilli
Mr Jeremy Stulajter	Frenchs Forest	The Pittwater House Schools
Miss Alice Fraser	Gladesville	MLC School
Miss Laura Kellner	Gloucester	Gloucester High School
Miss Jessica Andrews	Gloucester	Gloucester High School
Miss Kate Kingston	Gloucester	Gloucester High School
Mr James Pridgeon	Grafton	Taree Christian College
Miss Ashlie Sleeman	Gymea	St Patrick's College - Sutherland
Miss Angelica Triant	Henley	Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney



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Mr Craig Davies	Hornsby Heights	Arden Anglican School - Secondary Campus
Miss Kristina Kopsias	Huntleys Point	Loreto Kirribilli
Miss Louisa Grundy	Killara	Pymble Ladies College
Miss Caitlin Eaton	Killara	Loreto Kirribilli
Miss Jordan Millett	Killara	Loreto Kirribilli
Mr Paul Young	Killara	Killara High School
Miss Sophie Holland	Killarney Heights	North Sydney Girls High School
Mr Joshua Gildersleeve	Kings Langley	The King's School
Miss Jessica Kim	Lidcombe	North Sydney Girls High School
Miss Georgina Sindel	Lindfield	Abbotsleigh Senior School
Mr Eugene Holdenson-Kimura	Lindfield	Sydney Grammar School
Miss Laura Turner	Lindfield	Loreto Kirribilli
Miss Amanda Garlick	Lugarno	St George Christian School
Mr Andrew Homan	Macquarie Fields	Broughton Anglican College
Miss Ella Freestone	Manly	Barker College
Miss Tarini Pathak	Marsfield	International Grammar School
Miss Jessica Thomas	Moruya	The Crossing Land Education Trust
Mr Campbell Chambers	Mosman	Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore)
Mr Young Song	Newcastle	Newcastle Grammar School
Miss Natasha Burbury	Newport	Brigidine College St Ives
Miss Alex McGain	Newport	Brigidine College St Ives
Miss Amelia Shanahan	Newport	Brigidine College St Ives
Miss Rachel Marks	Normanhurst	Girl's Brigade NSW
Miss Anna Dooley	North Balgowlah	Loreto Kirribilli
Mr Sean Dooley	North Balgowlah	St Ignatius' College Riverview
Miss Sarah Hanna	North Parramatta	Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Homebush Office
Mr Marc Svanberg	North Sydney	Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore)
Mr Matthew Macaulay	North Turramurra	Barker College
Miss Jessica Smith	North Turramurra	Brigidine College St Ives
Miss Jennifer Alder	Northbridge	Loreto Kirribilli
Mr Bradley Westwood	Oatley	St George Christian School
Miss Eliza Bambridge	Palm Beach	Barrenjoey High School
Miss Joyce Lam	Picnic Point	Sydney Girls High School
Miss Renae Lawrence	Port Macquarie	St Paul's High School - Port Macquarie
Miss Philippa Horn	Pymble	Pymble Ladies College
Miss Mrithula Shanker	Pymble	North Sydney Girls High School
Miss Amanda Zhou	Revesby	Sydney Girls High School
Mr David Singleton	Richmond	Colo High School
Mr Nicholas Roubicek	Riverview	St Ignatius' College Riverview
Miss Amy Lin	Roseville	Sydney Girls High School
Miss Ashleigh Veale	Roseville	Roseville College
Miss Adrianna Randy	Roseville Chase	Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College
Miss Amy Patterson	Seaforth	Queenwood School For Girls
Miss Eirene Psomas	South Hurstville	St George Christian School
Miss Harriet McGregor	Spit Junction	Oxford Falls Grammar School
Miss Danielle Wachter	Springwood	St Columba's High School
Miss Thea Welsby	St Ives	Roseville College
Mr Jarron Aizen	St Ives	Masada College
Mr Daniel Glazer	St Ives	Masada College
Mr Lee Mott	St Ives	Northern Beaches Christian School



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Miss Stefanie Vaccher	Strathfield	Santa Sabina College
Miss Stephanie Yee	Strathfield	MLC School
Mr James Bratfield	Stroud	Gloucester High School
Mr Matthew Williams	Stroud Road	Gloucester High School
Mr Toby Gilpin	Sylvania	St George Christian School
Miss Ashleigh Livingston	Terrey Hills	Brigidine College St Ives
Mr Jack Marshall	Toronto	Newcastle Grammar School
Miss Katherine Cave	Turrumurra	Abbotsleigh Senior School
Miss Katherine Wright	Turrumurra	Loreto Normanhurst
Miss Elsie Burton	Wahroonga	Arden Anglican School - Secondary Campus
Mr Nathan Doyle	Wahroonga	Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore)
Mr Stuart Kimbell	Wahroonga	Barker College
Mr Dominic Vickers	Wahroonga	Knox Grammar School
Mr Jonathan Bartlett	Wallanbah	Gloucester High School
Miss Monique Fischer	Warrawee	Pymble Ladies College
Miss Francesca Scutella	Waverton	Loreto Kirribilli
Mr Mathew Sherlock	Wodonga	The Scots School Albury
Miss Tamara Castle	Yanderra	Bowral High School