

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award & Advance

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award can be integrated with the Victorian Government's Advance program. A Youth Development approach aimed at enhancing community engagement and developing employability skills in young people is shared by the two programs. When combined, they reinforce the curriculum, and increase the opportunities for students to interact with and assist the broader community.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has been a recognised partner of the Advance program since its inception in 2004. Alongside the Department of Human Services, we provide support to teachers across Victoria.

Our programs assist with some of the most significant obstacles faced by young people, such as disengagement from community and school, social inclusion, and employability, with participation resulting in:

- Enhanced employability skills
- Increased community and educational engagement
- Developed resilience and leadership qualities
- Exposure to different environments and experiences.

“ The Victorian Government's Advance program provides young Victorians with practical opportunities to make a difference in their local community. The program allows young people to develop important transferable life skills, such as leadership, communication, teamwork and decision-making and obtain formal recognition for their participation.

Undertaking programs delivered through Awards Victoria, including the Bridge Award, the Compass Award and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, provide a great way for students to achieve the outcomes set out in Advance. ” - John Kouvelas, Department of Human Services



The links between Advance and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award are quite strong. Delivered by the Department of Human Services, Advance focuses on creating meaningful relationships between young people and their community, as well as offering opportunities for skill building, increasing the capacity of young people and reinforcing the need for formal recognition of the achievements of young people.

Aligning Advance with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, provides young people with access to new networks and an increased opportunity to develop new life skills.

Completing The Duke of Edinburgh's Award fulfils the Advance requirement that participants' achievements be formally recognised and celebrated, encouraging students to continue to engage with their community.

Links between The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Advance Program Components

