



The Compass Award

**A program of discovery for young people
aged 10 - 14 years.**

WHAT IS THE COMPASS AWARD?

The Compass Award program is geared to the development of the individual child.

It offers children aged between 10-14 years a framework of suggested activities which are challenging and rewarding.

The program is voluntary, non-competitive and aimed at the individuals' interests and abilities. There are several components at each level (see opposite for an overview).

The individual student must negotiate their own program with their coordinator/class teacher and their parents. For a successful outcome, all three parties should collaborate on the plan for the year.

PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES:

The individual will develop self-esteem, confidence, an awareness of the community and a desire to help others. In addition they will develop a feeling of ownership and 'engagement' in their formal and informal education.

LINKS WITH EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES:

One of the features of The Compass Award is that it fits into existing Educational Outcomes and can be adopted to suit frameworks in any State or Territory across Australia.

In Victoria, Compass activities fit into all 3 strands of Essential Learning Standards, curriculum focus, learning activities and outcomes of CSFII.

	LEVEL 1
Hobbies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a hobby or several hobbies. Find out all about them and have a go!
	Minimum 3 hours
Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit a location which is new to you. Work out how to get there and what to take. Be escorted by an adult.
	Minimum 3 hours
Physical Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play a sport– try something new to learn some different skills.
	Minimum 3 hours
Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get to meet a group in your school or community. OR Help your school in a special project e.g fundraising or SRC.
	Minimum 3 hours

Compass Award: Overview

PROGRAM OF DISCOVERY FOR AGES 10-14 YEARS

LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take some time to really get involved in ONE hobby. Learn some of the skills and have a go! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spend some time discovering a new hobby. OR Develop existing interests and skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take on a new hobby and learn some skills. OR Develop existing interests.
Minimum 4 hours	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 20 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and make an escorted trip, bush walk or bike ride. OR Go on a city excursion to a place which interests you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and take part in an escorted bush walk, bike ride or city excursion. Get some training on safety, navigation and gear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and take part in an escorted overnight expedition. Receive training on map reading, cooking, equipment and first aid.
Minimum 4 hours	Minimum 8 hours	2 days/ 1 night
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play a sport, Become a team member OR Try a new form of physical recreation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a sport and aim to improve your skills and knowledge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a sport and become more proficient and skilled.
Minimum 6 hours	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spend some time with a group and learn more about their activities. OR Be a 'buddy' and help a young student at school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go out of your way to help your school or a group within your community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliably and conscientiously help a group in your school or Community
Minimum 5 hours	Minimum 10 hours	Minimum 15 hours

RESPONSIBILITIES OF LICENSED OPERATORS



- Appoint a teacher to coordinate activities
- Allocate sufficient time release
- Promote the program
- Provide ongoing support to all participants
- Develop a support team
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Attend professional development and training sessions
- Keep accurate records
- Communicate with other schools running the program
- Send required documentation to The Award Office
- Be aware and understand related Department of Education and Training policies on:
 - Risk Management
 - Student/teacher ratios
 - Policy and Procedures Manual
 - Relevant State regulations

Present Awards to successful participants at special ceremonies.

ANNUAL COSTS:

School license - including license fee, CD, insurance, pamphlets and visits by Award staff:

Participant enrolment - include Record Book, certificates, registration and insurance



Awards Victoria Ltd
73-77 Wellington Street
Collingwood VIC 3066

Ph: 03 8412 9333
Fax: 03 8412 9330

Email: info@awardsvic.org.au
Website: www.awardsvic.org.au