



PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Ryan Carpenter

Ryan is the first Essington student in 2025 to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It is a great achievement as there is generally only a handful of students across the Northern Territory who achieve this level. Ryan completed his Bronze in 2022 and Silver in 2023.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

Northern Territory Youth Parliament



Ryan spent six days in Batchelor with other youth from the Northern Territory to discuss and debate critical issues affecting young Territorians. During this project he learnt how parliament works and the process of introducing bills, debating them and the process of turning them into law. During this process, he realised that he is a very emotive speaker and needs to develop other methods so that his message is heard by others in a calm and considered manner.

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

UN Youth National Delegation & National Schools Constitution Convention



Ryan went to Brisbane as part of the UN Youth National Delegation, where he had a great experience working with like-minded youth from across the country. For his Qualifying journey, he travelled to Canberra as the Northern Territory delegate at the National School Constitution Convention. There he gained valuable insights into the constitution, particularly the underrepresentation of the territories.

PHYSICAL RECREATION

Cycling



Ryan has been cycling around various locations in Darwin to improve his overall fitness. He enjoys getting out in the fresh air and seeing the sights.

SKILL

Language (Finnish)



Ryan has found it challenging to keep the motivation in learning the Finnish language. He continued until the course was complete and was happy with what he learnt. His assessor commented that it has been a valuable learning experience as he has had to persevere through the experience.

SERVICE/VOLUNTEERING

Leadership



Ryan's leadership skills have grown considerably over the last couple of years. He started off as a member of the Student Representative Council (SRC) to become a school captain. Through the process, he has learnt a huge number of skills along the way. His assessor stated that he is willing to go above and beyond in building a positive school culture that promotes inclusion.