

INVERCARGILL PUPILS OUTWARD BOUND

CHALLENGING limits and discovering independence is what's in store for 10 Invercargill secondary school pupils who have been awarded Invercargill Licensing Trust Outward Bound scholarships.

The scholarships, worth \$4000 each, will enable them to travel to Anakiwa where they will take part in the Mind, Body and Soul course – a programme guaranteed to challenge their limits, help them set goals and discover self-awareness through both success and failure.

During the 21-day course the participants will cover practical skills such as bushcraft, kayaking, sailing and navigation while at the same time encouraging them to reach their full potential.

Verdon College year 13 pupil Natalie Bulmer is excited about the prospect.

“To see how far I can go and push myself - and just for the experience.”

The Invercargill swimmer who is presently waiting to hear if she has been accepted into the New Zealand Ariforce, said although she is a keen sports person she has never really kayaked or completed bushcraft.

She believes her biggest challenge will be the ropes course.

“That should be very interesting to see how that goes – up that high.”

Invercargill Licensing Trust chairman Alan Dennis said the scholarships had been awarded to Invercargill pupils for the past 11 years and it was a tradition the trust was keen to continue.

“The Outward Bound course has the potential to create great leaders, team members and also confident young people.

“The Invercargill Licensing Trust sees the importance in encouraging the young of our city to strive for the highest, even if it means they have to overcome impossible challenges to reach their goals.”

Two Southern Institute of Technology students and two employees of the Invercargill Licensing Trust had also been awarded scholarships to take part in other Outward Bound courses.

The secondary school recipients are:

Amy Goddard, Toni Fisher, Aurora College; Olivia Heaslip, Alice Thompson, Southland Girls' High School; Deepak Joon, James Perkins, James Hargest College; Nick Dykes, Brehan Cairns, Southland Boys' High School; Natalie Bulmer, Matt Debono, Verdon College.