

PARENTS INFORMATION SHEET

XXX Cub Pack

PLEASE **READ** AND **RETAIN** THIS HANDOUT
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Welcome

Our Cub Pack warmly welcomes you and your son or daughter into the family of Scouting. We trust that you will enjoy a long and happy relationship with the special team of leaders and children of the Pack.



Leaders

Your child will be placed in a team which is called a 'Six', to which one of the Cub Leaders is especially allocated. We would request that when practical, any queries initially be directed to that particular Leader who ideally will know of matters concerning your child. However, always feel free to contact another Leader at any time.

Attendance

Our Pack meets every Tuesday during the school term starting at 6.30 PM sharp and finishing at 8.00 PM. Leaders are in attendance from 6.15 PM. If your child is unable to attend for some reason please advise us in advance. We run a 100% attendance award to recognise those Cubs who make a special effort.

Absence

If your child should be absent for 2 consecutive nights without contact being made with us, we will phone you. Should there be additional non-attendance, we'll drop in to see you and to check if there are any problems or areas in which we can assist.

The Pack normally has a waiting list of children wanting to join and so should a Cub start attending sporadically it means he or she is taking the place of someone who could perhaps better fill that position. Regular attendance means you get better value for your subscription money. It also means that your Cub gets better value from an overall programme of education rather than isolated pieces of it.

Camps.

The Pack organises camps a number of times each year, and various opportunities will arise for your Cub and yourself to attend. These camping experiences are of considerable value and attendance is actively encouraged.

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Scouting is not really Scouting unless camping is an integral part of the educational programme. Each Cub's chance to be a "Sixer" is eventually dependant upon his or her willingness to attend the camping opportunities provided and so develop their confidence and leadership skills.

Bed wetting is a common occurrence in children of Cub age and can be something of a problem if the camp is for more than one night. There is a nasal spray available through your family doctor that could be of assistance should you think this may be a problem for your child. Please let us know if you think bedwetting may be a concern.

Uniform.

Uniform consists of: *(insert the uniform option selected by the Group)*

"Pre-loved" uniforms are available through xxxxxxxx PH 1234567 or myself. New uniforms are available through the Scout Shop, at the following address: *(insert shop address and phone number.)*

This shop is open: *(insert trading hours)*

Investiture

If new to Scouting, your son or daughter will initially attend a number of nights with the pack during which the Scouting movement is discussed and he/she will learn the meaning of the Cub Law and Promise.

- This stage will complete the Cub Badge requirements, a prerequisite to formally starting with the pack.
- You will be advised in advance of the night of his or her investiture and are actively encouraged to attend, along with friends and relatives.
- Sometimes, we may 'fast-forward' this Cub Badge work.
- Upon investiture you will be presented with an account: \$XX.00 if new to scouting, or \$XY.00 if a Kea coming through to Cubs. *(The difference in the fees is the scarf at \$X.00.)*



Communication

Our Pack maintains a very strong written line of communication to Cubs and their families. We also operate a very effective phone-around system which is operated by the Sixers of the pack. Communications is considered to be a 2-way arrangement.

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All parents have the contact phone number of every Kotare Leader provided at the bottom of the programme issued at the commencement of each term. This means that we expect you to maintain good communication with us. This applies whenever your son or daughter is to be absent, or should you wish to contact us at any time.

We have to insist that any transport arrangements away from the Scout Hall are formalised between adults, and never left to the Cub to organise without an adult being informed. Preferably that adult would be a Cub Leader.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is encouraged and you are most welcome to come and join us in our activities on any night. Come and sit in and see what we get up to. We run a very 'open door' policy, and encourage you to be an active part of our night.

Occasionally we may seek the help of parents. We are always seeking parents as new Leaders. Please don't be too surprised if we do approach you regarding assisting in a Leadership role with the pack or ask you to give us a contact for a possible new leader.

Fees

Subscription fees are determined by the Group Committee and billed direct to you. The Group Committee works as an entirely separate entity to the Leaders within the Scout Group. They are the 'Board of Trustees' of the group if you like, whereas the Leaders fill the role of the 'teachers'.

Fees for camps or special outings are advised well in advance. We would not see any child disadvantaged because of financial difficulties and so would ask that you approach us if such should be the case. We are very flexible (and hopefully approachable) and we are here to help in any way we can.

Group Committee

The Scout Group committee in conjunction with parents provide the manpower resources necessary for fund raising and management of the Group finances and assets. The work done by the committee means that the Leaders are free to put their time in to providing a quality programme for the Cubs.



Our Scout Group Leader is xxxxx PH 1234567. If you ever have a concern that you feel hasn't been adequately resolved at Pack level, this is the person to speak to.

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Summary

- We as Cub Leaders are available at any time to discuss your son or daughter's involvement.
- We take our responsibilities in regard to your child's involvement with us very seriously indeed.
- We will do our very best to ensure that he or she receives a quality Scouting programme and that they have a lot of fun with us.
- We will fully and actively encourage their Scouting activities with us which we hope will lead him or her to wanting to move through to the Scout and Venturer programmes.
- At the same time, we also acknowledge that we can not be all things to all children.
- Should the situation arise where we feel that your child is not enjoying Scouting, we will contact you to discuss and agree upon options that will work best for everybody concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Akela (Cub Pack Leader)
