

5th Footscray Scout Group
Bellairs Avenue
SEDDON VIC 3011
(PO Box 422, YARRAVILLE 3013)



Dear Parent,

Welcome to 5th Footscray Scout Group. Whether you are completely new to Scouting or you were a Scout or Guide yourself, you will probably enjoy sharing your child's Scouting experience. Scouts is one of the largest and most popular youth movements in the world and has been going strong for over 100 years. 5th Footscray Scout Group has been operating since the 1920s. Our historic Scout hall is located in Bellairs Avenue opposite Seddon railway station.

Our group currently comprises four sections:

- **Joey Scouts** – for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years
We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- **Cub Scouts** – for boys and girls aged 8 to 11
We meet on Monday nights from 7pm – 8:30pm
- **Scouts** – for boys and girls aged 11 to 15
We meet Tuesday nights from 7pm – 9pm
- **Venturers** – for boys and girls aged 15 to 18
Our Venturers meet with 10th Footscray Venturers on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30pm

Scouts is a non-profit, volunteer run organisation. Our scout group gets limited financial support from Scouts Australia, so the funds required to run our group must be raised by us. To enable your child to experience Scouting, you will be responsible for the following:

- An **annual registration fee** (for 2017-18 this is \$188) which covers your child's membership of Scouts Australia including personal accident/public liability insurance. This amount is due in June each year. This is transferred in full by us to Scouts Australia, Victorian branch. (A pro-rata amount applies for those who join mid-year.)
- **Term fees**, currently \$40 per school term for the first child and \$20 for subsequent children, pays for items such as books, badges, scarves, craft materials, supper, etc. and partly contributes to the operating costs of the Scout group.
- Your child will require a **uniform** polo shirt costing around \$35 which can be bought online from The Scouts Shop. After registration has been paid and your child is invested, he/she will be presented with the group scarf and a set of badges.
- Most **special activities**, camps and outings your child attends will incur an additional fee based on a cost recovery basis. You may also be asked occasionally to assist as a parent helper at those activities or on a meeting night.

As the term fees only cover part of the cost of running our Scout group, **additional fund-raising and working bees** are necessary. You will be expected to contribute your fair share to these activities during the year. Money from these helps pay our insurance, utility bills, equipment purchasing and maintenance. We also raise funds to help subsidise more expensive camps such as Jamborees.

You can also make a valuable contribution to your child's Scouting by volunteering as a leader, or as a member of the group committee.

For more information about us, visit our website at www.5thfootscrayscoutgroup.com.au or for Scouting information in general visit the national Scouts website at www.scouts.com.au. The Group Leader is Catherine White and she can be emailed at 5thfootscray@gmail.com.

Yours in Scouting,
5th Footscray Scout Group Parents Committee