

# Fact Sheet For Parents

Cub Scouts  
The Cub Scout Section

## What Is The Cub Scout Section?

Quoting directly from the QLD Branch website "Cub Scouts is the second section into Scouts. It's for boys and girls aged 8 to 10\* and it's all about adventure! \*These ages may vary up to 6 months."

## What Is A 'Pack'?

The 'Pack' is the collective term for all the members of the Cub Scout Section in a Group, including the Cub Scout Leader, the Assistant Cub Scout Leader(s), Adult Support Members In Uniform, Adult Support Members Non-Uniform (Parent Helpers, Section Treasurer etc.), Youth Helpers and of course the Youth Members themselves.

## How Many Youth Members Are There In A 'Pack'?

The number of Youth Members is in part strictly governed by QLD Branch policy, called the QBSI (QLD Branch Scouting Instructions), re-printed here:

### "2.1.3 CUB SCOUTS

In determining the size of a Cub Scout Pack, one Adult Leader together with adult help is required to maintain a ratio of 1 Adult : 8 Youth Members.

When conducting activities away from the normal meeting place, one Adult Leader together with adult help is required to maintain a ratio of 1 Adult : 6 Youth Members.

Youth Helpers and parents may not carry out the duties consistent with the role of an authorised Leader."

Other factors include the facilities and equipment available to support the size of the 'Pack', and/or any limit placed on the 'Pack' by the Support Committee.

## What Are The Defined Educational Outcomes?

Section R6.1 of the Policy And Rules Of The Scout Association Of Australia 2015 clearly defines the Educational Outcomes for the Cub Scout Section. These are re-printed here:

"The Cub Scout Section provides an opportunity to develop physically, intellectually, socially, emotionally and spiritually through participation in an exciting educational program based on individual needs.

Objectives:

To develop fitness and co-ordination skills;

To develop creative skills;

To develop concepts of options and decision making;

To provide opportunity to learn by doing;

To develop a sense of the environment, both locally and globally;

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To develop the individual's spiritual awareness;  
To provide an opportunity for interaction in small groups;  
To develop an understanding of leadership and team spirit;  
To develop a sense of fair play and justice;  
To create the feeling of belonging and a sense of achievement;  
To develop an understanding of the history and ideals of the Scout movement."

## How Are These Educational Outcomes Delivered?

Section R6.2 of the Policy And Rules Of The Scout Association Of Australia 2015 clearly defines the Method by which these Educational Outcomes are achieved. These are re-printed here:

"The development of Cub Scouts is through participation in small peer groups called "Sixes", which provide the opportunity for practising team leadership skills.  
The program is designed to provide opportunities for the development of relationship skills, values and abilities through doing activities, the playing of games, helping others, and participation in an award scheme appropriate to the age."

## Can My Son/Daughter Become A Member Of The Cub Scout Section?

Section R6.3 of the Policy And Rules Of The Scout Association Of Australia 2015 outlines the 5 key requirements for membership of The Cub Scout Section:

"Boys and girls become Cub Scouts by an investiture ceremony during which the Cub Scout Promise is made.

Before their investiture as Cub Scouts, children must know and understand the meaning of the Promise and Law for Cub Scouts, in keeping with their age.

A Joey Scout who has earned the Link Badge may be invested without further training.

Cub Scouts must have had their seventh birthday and normally progress to the Scout Section around ten years and six months depending on their individual readiness, socially and intellectually.

Cub Scouts are able to commence their progression to Scouts any time after their tenth birthday."

All of the above requirements, and additional information, is typically worked through with your son/daughter and yourselves over a four to six week period, after which the investiture ceremony takes place.

## How Is The Cub Scout Section Organised And What Leadership Is In Place?

Section R6.4 of the Policy And Rules Of The Scout Association Of Australia 2015 gives the core information on this aspect:

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“The Cub Scout Pack is made up of Sixes, each with up to six Cub Scouts, led by a Sixer, assisted by a Second.

The Pack Council is an informal meeting of the Leaders with the Sixers, and the Seconds if desired, to discuss the plans and find out the wishes of the Pack.

The Cub Scout Leader takes charge of the Pack, with the help of at least one Assistant Cub Scout Leader, subject to the general supervision of the Group Leader.

The use of Youth Helpers is encouraged.

Preferably where there are girls in a Pack there should be a female leader, and where there are boys in the Pack there should be a male leader.”