



# 1<sup>st</sup> Russell Vale Cub Scouts

## ALL ABOUT CUBS

Cub Scouts have a lot of fun doing a lot of interesting things! There are games to play, codes and skills to learn, places to see and new friends to meet.

Cub Scouts all help each other, and try to help other people too.

Each week you'll get together with other boys and girls your age and be led into adventure! You'll wear your own Cub Scout uniform to show you're one of us. And you'll be able to collect special badges to put on your uniform to show your achievements.

### ***Fun Out and About***

Cub Scouts get to see a lot and do a lot. We spend weekends away together camping, fishing and exploring. We go to sports meetings, visit factories, go to the zoo, the museum, or the fire department headquarters. We learn bushcraft, and we learn how to fly model aeroplanes. There's a lot more Cub Scouts do too. Why not come along and find out?

### ***Fun in a Pack***

You'll find there are around 20 boys and girls in our Cub Scout Pack. All of them are just like you. They all might have different interests and be good at different things, but they all want to enjoy themselves and have fun. Like you, they'll be learning new things each week and discovering how great it is to be a Cub Scout.

### ***Fun from the Start***

At your first Pack meeting you may feel a bit shy to begin with but it won't take long to get to know everyone. You'll learn the Scout Salute, the Handshake, the Motto, the Grand Howl, Pack Calls, the Cub Scout Law and the Cub Scout Promise. The leaders will help you. You'll soon be making friends with the other Cub Scouts and having a terrific time!

### ***Fun in a Six***

Your Pack will be divided into `Sixes', so named because each `Six' will have 6 people in it. The first badge you'll put on your uniform is the colour patch of your Six.

### ***Fun with your Sixer***

One of the boys or girls in your group will be your `Sixer' (a bit like the Captain of your school sports team). You'll know your Sixer by the two yellow stripes worn on their left pocket. The Sixer often has a `Second' as a helper (a bit like a Vice-Captain) who wears one yellow stripe. You too could eventually wear these stripes one day and become a Sixer or a Second of your Pack.



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## ***Fun with your Leaders***

Your Cub Scout Leaders are adults who may once have been Cub Scouts themselves!

Your Leader is known as `Akela' (The Wolf - the one who stands alone). Akela's helpers are known as `Bagheera' (The Panther - the teacher of hunting) and `Baloo' (The Bear - the teacher of Jungle Law). The names are from the famous Rudyard Kipling story "The Jungle Book".

## ***Fun earning Badges***

Cub Scouts can earn achievement badges by doing things that interest them and by learning new skills like cycling, electronics, sports, cookery, boating, writing and more. There are also special Boomerang Badges earned by doing things like tying knots, first aid, hiking in the bush and building models. There are three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold Boomerang Badges.

## ***Fun near You***

1<sup>st</sup> Russell Vale Cub Scouts meet every Monday afternoon during school term from 5pm-6.30pm. We would love to see you at our next Pack meeting. The programs in Cub Scouts emphasise exciting and challenging activities based on individual needs.

- Opportunities for interaction in small groups
- A sense of belonging and achievement
- Practise leadership and problem solving skills
- Develop a sense of fair play and justice
- Satisfy curiosity and the need for adventure
- Develop fitness and creative skills
- Provide new experiences and the opportunity to learn by doing
- Provide the opportunity to make choices and decisions
- Provide the opportunity to express and respond to individual spiritual development needs

All Cub Scout activities are designed to be appropriate to age, development, social competence, family and community circumstances.

## ***More information***

Further material regarding Cub Scouting can be found at [www.nsw.scouts.com.au](http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au). Or alternately contact your leaders below.

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