



1st Ballan Parent Support

At 1st Ballan we see ourselves as a family, and while we encourage the growth & development of youth through participation and engagement we also welcome parents to become actively engaged in the growth of their child/ren and the Scout Group as a whole.

Therefore, it is acknowledged by the Group that all parents who are registered Scouts Victoria volunteers and actively supporting the Group as a:-

- Committee Member
- Parent Helper
- Leader

their 1st Ballan Fees will be waived, as it is recognised that their significant commitment to the Group will further enhance and improve the overall development and growth of our 1st Ballan Family.

- **Fees for families with registered parent/adult volunteers**
 - Scouts Victoria Fee ONLY per child

If you would like to become a Scouts Victoria registered volunteer and support our 1st Ballan Family as a:-

- Committee Member
- Parent Helper
- Leader

please contact your Section Leader and send them the following details so they can welcome you, and, help guide you towards the process of registration:-

- Full Name – as per Drivers Licence/Passport
- Date of Birth
- Preferred Email Address





In summary...

There is a cost to Scouting, as few things come free in this world, but be assured that you don't need to buy it all tomorrow. If you have an issue meeting the costs of Scouting for your child/ren please do not be afraid to have a private chat with the Section Leaders as there are ways in which we can help you out.

What is more important is that you support your son/s and/or daughter/s throughout their time in Scouting, not just with money but with love and encouragement. You are encouraged to get to know the Leaders, and other parents of children in your Section/s. Don't be surprised if we ask for your help in running a number of events and activities throughout the year, as we cannot survive without your help.

As Joeys are our youngest youth members, parents are expected to help out each week and may be required to attend camps as well. While youth independence and growth continues through Cubs, parent support is required occasionally on a weekly basis and especially during camps & excursions. Scouts are more self-sufficient and may only need support in the requirement of transport to & from activities, excursions, camps & events.

Areas which parents can help include, but are not limited to:-

- Transport
 - Occasionally our youth members will need to be transported to & from activities, excursions, camps & events
- Maintenance of our Scout Hall, Property & Equipment
 - It is imperative that our youth members have a clean & hygienic place to meet. Assistance is required and wonderfully appreciated with tasks such as cleaning, mowing, an occasional working bee and the looking after of our gear.





- Fundraising Parent Roster

- Assistance is always required when it comes to fundraising events.
- It is expected that each family help out and at a least two (2) fundraising events each year.
- Fundraising is critical to the ongoing success and growth of our Group.
- It helps keep our fees as low as possible and ensures we have adequate funds to upgrade, maintain and purchase new equipment for our youth.

Scouting isn't just somewhere else to drop the kids. It's a chance to grow up with them and that's a great experience for both of you. Your involvement with our group can be as flexible as you wish. The only things we do ask is that you show your interest and encouragement and give your time to participate with your child whenever you can.

If you have any concerns about your child's experience in Scouting we are always available to talk.

Once again welcome to Scouting and the 1st Ballan Scout Group. We look forward to many years of enjoyable Scouting experiences, fun, laughter and friendship together.

