



# Benowie District Scouts EASTER CAMP 2024



## EASTER CAMP Scout Safe Messaging

### SCOUTS NSW CHILD SAFE MESSAGING PROTOCOL

#### FEELING SAFE – YOUR RIGHTS A MESSAGE FOR OUR ADULT MEMBERS

Everyone in Scouts, youth and adults alike have the right to feel safe and be protected from abuse. No-one is allowed to threaten you, hurt you or touch another person in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or afraid.

**A Scout is respectful** and this applies to all interactions between all participants, youth and adult, at Easter Camp.

Youth Members have been told they can raise issues with Adults at Easter Camp, and that any concerns will be taken seriously and treated appropriately.

If you have a concern, or a concern is raised with you, you should raise it with the Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka). All concerns will be taken seriously and dealt with appropriately.

#### **If a youth member chooses to raise an issue with you it is your role to:**

- Hear their concerns
- Re-assure the youth member you believe their concerns and it is not their fault.
- Raise it through the most direct method to the Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka)
- Manage the confidentiality of the person who has trusted you with this information by only sharing the information with the people necessary to support the person raising the issue.
- Provide the youth member with somewhere relatively private (and quite separate from the person in respect of whom they have raised their concerns – if that person is nearby) until the Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka) can attend.

## DO NOT

- Discuss specific details of the matter over the Radio Network. If required ask the Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka) to come to your location.
- Try to investigate or solve the issue. The Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka), will take appropriate steps when they arrive and speak with the youth member.
- Discuss the matter with others outside the chain of people required to raise the issue.
- Tell the youth member that you can keep it confidential between you and them.

## REMEMBER

- In accordance with the Scouts NSW Child Protection Policy and Procedure, where you believe a youth member is in imminent danger – you should immediately call the NSW Police on 131444.

**Imminent Danger**  
**If a young person is in imminent danger, the matter should be reported directly and immediately to the NSW Police on 131444.**

- Once you have made a report to police, you should then take steps to inform Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka), that a report has been made.
- Where mobile reception is unavailable at your location, or you are unsure whether the police are required, you should radio through for immediate assistance to the Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka)
- The Easter Camp Activity Leader Michelle Dalmaris retains responsibility for subsequently providing an incident report to the Child Protection Team at the NSW State Office on: Tel 02 9735 9000 or via [ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au) . Where applicable, this must include the fact that a report has been made to the police or any other authority.

***If you don't know what to do – talk to the Easter Camp Leader in Charge: Assistant District Scout Leader Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka) at Easter Camp HQ!***

It is possible that information revealed may be distressing to you. If you feel this is the case, you are encouraged to ask for help from the District Scout Leaders. They will put you in touch with a Member Support Leader from your region or site.

If, for any reason, you do not feel the concerns of this nature which you raised at Easter Camp have been satisfactorily dealt with, please report your concerns directly to the Child Protection Team at the NSW State Office on:

Telephone: 02 9735 9000

Email: [ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au)

