



# Letter to Parents Dragon Skin 2025

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### Dear Parents

This letter provides information on Dragon Skin 2025 Best of the Best.

Each Venturer attending Dragon Skin should have a link to the Team Member Instructions with everything they need to know. Please read if you would like more information.

### Location and timing

Dragon Skin 2025 will be held within Penrose State Forest. The event headquarters are within Penrose village, near Moss Vale in the Southern Highlands. The event is held from Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April until Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

### Getting to Dragon Skin

**Check-in date & time:** 8:30 am – 9:30 am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Main check-in location:** Campbelltown Train Station, Farrow Rd carpark

Teams must check in together on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at one of two check-in areas. Once checked in, they will be transported by a chartered bus to the event location.

Teams are responsible for being at check-in on time. Check the Easter time table ([transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info)) for train timetable details. If a team is running late to check-in, they must call the Dragon Skin Hotline on 0473 070 991.

The main check-in area is in the Farrow Road carpark at Campbelltown Train Station, in Sydney's South West. All teams are to check-in at Campbelltown, unless advised otherwise by the Dragon Skin organisers.

A second check-in area is available for Teams **from Southern NSW or the ACT**. To check-in at this location, teams must email [info@dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au](mailto:info@dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au) at least one week prior to the event to ensure their team's event pack (including Team Passport) is at the correct check-in area. Check-in time and location will be advised by reply email.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM MUST CHECK IN TOGETHER AT THE SAME LOCATION.**

### Getting home from Dragon Skin

On Monday, there is a presentation ceremony in the forest. Teams will then be transported by chartered bus to Campbelltown Train Station. Buses arrive at the station around midday on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

### At the event

#### *Food and camping equipment*

Teams must provide their own food and camping equipment, this is not included in the Dragon Skin fee. Porta-loos, First Aiders and running water are available at each overnight campsite.

#### *Appropriate hiking attire and event expectations*

You can help prepare your Venturer for the event by:

- Encouraging them to wear comfortable, light walking boots
- Reminding them it may rain, and they could be camping and walking in prolonged wet conditions
- Warning them to take warm clothing (the forest can get very cold at night over Easter)
- Emphasising the need for them to keep their packs light. There is plenty of information on our website about planning for Dragon Skin 2025.



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### *Safety*

Teams have between four and seven youth members. One person in each team must have a current first aid certificate. Adult First Aiders will be present at the event, located near all the main activity sites.

The risk of teams becoming lost is minimal and rapid search procedures are in place if they do.

In the event of a major emergency our risk management arrangements include evacuation to a safe area if necessary.

### *Contact during the event*

If there is an emergency at home and you need to contact Dragon Skin Headquarters at Penrose, please call 0473 070 991. If for any reason your child needs to be picked up early from the event due to an emergency, this must be arranged through Dragon Skin Headquarters.

Mobile phone coverage at the event is limited, and you may not be able to contact your child directly. We can pass messages through to your child using our radio communications network. Please make sure you have your child's team number, and the names of other team members if this is required.

### *Attendance and event code of conduct*

Only invested Venturers, who are registered members of Scouts Australia, members of Guides Australia or invited School teams, can attend Dragon Skin. They must travel in official uniform between home and the event. Participants will be treated as young adults and we expect them to honour our ban on smoking, alcohol and recreational drugs during the event. **If your child is found with drugs or alcohol, you will be contacted to collect them from the event.** NSW Police may also be notified.

If you have any concerns about your child's preparation for Dragon Skin contact your child's Venturer Leader or please feel free to email us at [info@dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au](mailto:info@dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au).

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rose Stevens".

**Rose Stevens**  
Activities Director  
Dragon Skin 2025 Best of the Best