



Cadets

In 2017 Pymble will launch a school-based Australian Army Cadet Unit. Pymble is very proud and excited to be undertaking this new and valuable program. The outcomes for students involved in this program will be broad. Being involved in Cadets encourages service, leadership, teamwork and outdoor skills. Students learn to be confident, self-sufficient and to commit mentally and physically to challenging activities.

2017 will see the unit initiated and built from the ground up with the assistance and guidance of the Australian Army. All registered students will commence as Cadet Recruits in Term 1, 2017. There will be opportunities for some Cadets to undertake Promotions courses later in the year to obtain Cadet Rank and commence leadership roles within the unit.

The 2017 program will look as follows*:

- Term 1, 2017: First Cadet Recruit intake training commences - Monday afternoon parade and training 1530 to 1730 (Year 9 to 11 students)
- Term 2, 2017: Monday Training
- Term 2, 2017: ANZAC Day - unit attendance
- Term 3, 2017: Monday Training
- Term 3, 2017: Weekend Cadet Officer Promotions courses
- Sept/Oct Holidays, 2017: Annual Field Exercise, Camp Somerset

**Schedule may be adjusted*

From Term 4, 2017 the first full schedule will commence and roll out as follows*:

- Term 4, 2017: New Cadet Recruit intake and induction program: Years 8 to 10
- Term 4, 2017: Overnight Bivouac Camp on-campus
- Term 1, 2018: Monday parade and training, including preparation for Field Exercise
- April Holidays, 2018: Annual Field Exercise, Camp Somerset
- 25th April 2018: ANZAC Day Attendance
- Term 2, 2018: ANZAC Day Parade
- Term 2, 2018: Monday parade and training
- Term 2, 2018: Graduation Parade for Year 12 cadets, induction for new Cadet Officers
- Term 3, 2018: Monday parade and training
- Term 3, 2018: No Cadet Recruit Training. Cadet Officer Promotions courses (Years 9 to 11 students)
- Term 4, 2018: New recruit intake and training commences (Years 8 to 10 students)

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Key activities of the Cadet program include:

- *Monday training*: training takes place every Monday afternoon during term time from 1530 to 1730. Cadets learn core skills in preparation for field exercises and ceremonial occasions.
- *Overnight 'Bivouac' camp*: this camp is held on campus and is a training exercise to build skills for the 6 day annual camp held in September.
- *Annual Field Exercise*: the annual field exercise runs for six days, designed to consolidate skills and training, and encourage teamwork in a physically and mentally challenging environment.
- *Promotion courses*: trains all participants in the essentials of leadership, management and risk assessment.
- *Ceremonial Parades*: two ceremonial parades are held each year. The first to commemorate the Anzacs, and the second to acknowledge graduating Cadets (first graduation parade will be held in 2018).

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Facilitator	Australian Army and Pymble Ladies' College
Term/s	Full Year (Terms 1 to 4)
Years	Year 9 to 11 (2017)
Days/Times	Monday 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Cost	\$750.00 Price includes weekly training program, overnight bivouac camp, annual field exercise including all meals, transport and adventurous activities.
Program Dates (Start/End) Mondays	Term 1: Monday 27 February (Week 5 of Term) to Monday 3 April (6 weeks) Term 2: Monday 1 May to Monday 19 June Term 3: Monday 17 July to Monday 18 September Term 4: Monday 16 October to Monday 27 November (no classes: Monday 12 June)
Uniform	Initially in School Tracksuit: uniforms will be issued by the Army in due course
Venues	Unit will meet on Lang Lawn each Monday at 1530
Further Information	Person outdoor equipment is required to undertake the Cadets program. Items such as a hiking backpack, rain jacket and sleeping bag are essential for the safe delivery of the program. The College provides a detailed list of the equipment required, and also the opportunity to purchase this equipment at a discounted rate through a partner business, Equipped Outdoors. The total cost of the equipment pack is \$1,050. However, many students will already have some items on the equipment list, or can borrow this equipment, so the cost of the equipment procurement may be less than this. There will be an additional cost for Cadet Promotions Courses held in Term 3.