



# **KISC 2016**

## **AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT**

June 2016

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The idea of setting up the first Australian Contingent to visit the Kandersteg International Scout Centre was floated over a coffee in early 2013. A lot has happened since then, and now three and a half years later, the long-awaited adventure of KISC2016 is just around the corner.

This is your final newsletter from the Contingent Management Team. Please read it very carefully – there are some important recaps, a couple of new bits of info, and lots to take in.

The CMT really enjoyed visiting all our capital cities for our Orientation Days, and loved seeing the excitement in the room. Our Contingent – from every state and territory – is a great bunch of people and we are sure there will be friendships for life.

It is crucially important that you keep checking your emails daily, between now and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. We need everyone to be up to date and across any last-minute changes, and we simply do not have the time to be chasing people. It is your responsibility – and good practice for being organised and independent when we hit the ground!

For those travelling independently – some of who have already left – travel safe and have fun exploring. Keep in contact with the Contingent online, and we'll see you at Zurich Airport.

This trip promises to be something special. We are excited, Scouts Australia is excited, and we have heard first-hand that the KISC Pinkies and other guests are also very excited to have us. We trust that you will make the most of this opportunity – meet new people, try new challenges, and learn a thing or two about Scouting and beyond from people from across the world. In 1923, the Kandersteg International Scout Centre opened its doors, and has been embracing Baden-Powell's vision every day since. With the wait almost over, we welcome you to the Australian Contingent to KISC2016, and hope you enjoy it as much as we will.

Yours in Scouting,

Gary Steinhardt  
Contingent Leader  
KISC2016

Robert Slater  
Deputy Contingent Leader  
KISC2016



## A Quick Recap

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There have been some key announcements in recent emails and previous newsletters. Here is a brief recap of things you should have seen and managed already.

### Orientation Day

Orientation Days around the country were a great success, and we enjoyed seeing all the excited faces (and parents!).

You can now **re-watch the Presentation** and relive all the glory on [YouTube](#). For questions about washing, meals, phones, money, security and more, check back to the Presentation.

### Voting

All O18s should have made **alternative arrangements to vote in the upcoming Federal Election on July 2nd**. There will be no opportunity to vote in person during the trip. You must make alternative arrangements by getting a postal vote, voting at an early centre, or voting at an Australian embassy prior to arriving in Zurich on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://www.aec.gov.au> to work out what is best for you.

### Contingent Travellers – New Baggage Allowance

As we announced in the Travel Itinerary mailed out in recent weeks, the baggage allowance for Contingent Travellers has increased for international flights on Singapore Airlines. You are now allowed to bring 25kg per person – so make sure you use the extra weight for decent sleeping mat, sleeping bag and other quality gear. (Domestic flights with Virgin are allowed 23kg, but you may wish to ‘wear’ a heavy jacket or similar to get it to your International Departure city).

### Contingent Travellers – New Travel Coordinator Contacts

Each state will have a Travel Coordinator who will organise the other Leaders and Rovers to guide the group through check-in, security and immigration, boarding and beyond.

**Save your state’s Travel Coordinator below, and make sure you have it handy on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June in case you run into issues on the morning of the flight.**

Departure City	Travel Coordinator	Contact Number	Meeting Time (local)
Adelaide	Gary Steinhardt	0418 545 325	6:00am
Sydney	Robert Slater	0401 063 554	10:00am
Brisbane	Kelly Martin	0411 502 213	11:30am
Perth	Louisa Cockram	0429 423 411	11:00am
Melbourne	Chris Anderson	0411 240 746	3:30pm
Canberra	Rosemarie Edwards	0406 377 865	6:30am
Hobart (1 pax)	Joel Halbe	0402 883 863	10:30am
Darwin (2 pax)	Tinika Van De Wildekamp	0427 873 083	6:00am



## Independent Travellers

You must arrive in Zurich Airport Welcome Desk near the Arrivals Gates by 8:00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please wear your Australian Scout Uniform Shirt and Australian Scarf.

We understand that those booked on the same flight as Contingent Travellers (SQ346) may arrive slightly after the 8:00am deadline. This will be fine.

## Admin

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### Insurance

The Contingent Travel Insurance Policy covers all Contingent Members (both Independent and Contingent Travellers) from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. (Those Contingent Travellers returning home on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July have extended coverage).

A brief summary of the inclusions and coverage is provided at the back of this Newsletter for your interest. Please note that loss of personal gear is not covered, so if you can't afford to lose it – don't bring it!

### School Note

Due to the misalignment of Australian states, some of you will be missing a week of school to join KISC2016. The Contingent Team has prepared a note – signed by our Contingent Leader – for you to give to your school. The letter explains the importance of the trip and why it is such a great opportunity (and we think you will learn more than in a week at school anyway).

Head to the [News Feed](#) on our Website to download it. We suggest you use it – tell your school what International Scouting is about, and why its valuable!

## Activities

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### Preference Day Activities

Activity Allocations were released last week. **They are available through our Online Registration System.** Please check yours so you know what to expect. If you have any specific questions, please email [program@kisc2016.com](mailto:program@kisc2016.com).

Please remember to refer to the Activities Booklet and the Free Days Guide on the website: <http://kisc2016.com/news/>. Remember that Free Days will fall on different days depending on your program – we will let you know who shares your Free Day when we arrive on site.

### Evening Activities – New Announcement!

With all the focus on daytime (with Core Days, Preference Days and Core Days), we have deliberately left the nights as a mystery. But rest assured – there will be plenty to do!

Each night has an Evening Activity run by the KISC Pinkies. The **International Evening** is a great chance to see show off Australia, and see food and culture from around the world.



Each Troop will have a chance to set up an Australian table – so pack some vegemite or even a didg! **Kander-Challenge** and **Race the World** are both nights to test your skills against guests from around the world. The **International Campfire** is an amazing evening – gathered in the Amphitheatre with stories, songs and skits from Scouts around the world. Make sure you practice your best act – literally anything goes. Our final night at KISC will be one to remember – an International Campfire on Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

You will also have lots of **free time and freedom** to explore the campsite and make friends from across the world. Join the Danish for a campfire and learn their language; play some soccer against the Spanish, or host the Germans or Americans for a night of Aussie banter. Get out and visit the other Aussie troops and check out the common rooms in the KISC chalet. Its up to you!

## Troop Life

### Troops

Troop lists were released over a month ago, and it has been great watching the bonding and banter fly already. **You should all be in regular contact with your Troop Leader** – using email and/or Facebook. Use the chance to get to know your Troop mates before you arrive. If you have still not heard from your Troop, contact [admin@kisc2016.com](mailto:admin@kisc2016.com) immediately.

### Patrols

Patrols have also been released, and you should be at least aware of your Patrol members. There will be short nightly meetings at the Campsite: first with your whole Troop, and then with your Patrol – to provide support for Welfare and Organisation. You will also complete your Core Days with your patrol, and a Patrol from each of the other Troops.

### Tents

We know this has been your number #1 favourite thing about the build-up to KISC2016. Tents and buddies should now be finalised. Your Troop Leaders have a central list and have coordinated swaps where possible as well. **Its simple: make sure you, your tent buddy and your Troop Leader all know the final arrangement.** Confirmation should have been made.

**Camp in Troops**

	Troop A	Troop B	Troop C	Troop D	Troop E	
P A T R O L	A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	Organisation and Welfare
	A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	
	A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	Core Day Activity Group
	A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	



## Welfare and Medical

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### Some Key Messages from our Welfare Team:

- Look after yourself! Its a huge trip away, a long time away from home, get plenty of sleep, food, water and don't be afraid to take some long time if needed.
- Look after your mates! If you notice something is up, chat to them- they might just have cold feet from the snow, maybe something more serious. Welfare starts with you, look after your mates
- We're here 24/7 - we have medical/ mental health/ welfare and counselor expertise available around the clock. Speak to your Patrol Leader and Troop Leader first, or come to us if you prefer. We might even be able to organise a Swiss hot chocolate and a chat!
- KISC 2016 is not the time to 'forget' to take regular medications/ swap medications, or take non-prescribed medication - Look after yourself and your mates and we'll have a great time!
- IMPORTANT UPDATE - For those taking Schedule 8 Medication (such as Ritalin, Concerta, Oxycodone, Endone, etc ) will be required to have their medication supervised by the Welfare/ First Aid team. This is for your benefit – help us help you.

## Extra Useful Bits

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### Weather Update

The weather will be unpredictable and changing. It is almost certain that our two weeks will have some sun, a few showers and a thunderstorm. Remember that the Program is mostly weather proof – so make sure you are ready to go even in the wet.

The long-range forecast is positive at this stage – and the weather always changes day by day and valley by valley. The snow-caps will definitely still be around, which is exciting for those hikes of higher altitude. **Expected temps are 12°C – 20°C, so pack layers!**

### Australian Gear

We are the first Australian Contingent to head over to KISC – and Aussies are usually pretty thin on the ground over there. We want to dress up our Troop Campsites, and also make a show at the International Evenings and Campfires too. (Extra points for those who can fit akubras, surfboards, Uluru or the Opera House into their bags.)

We recommend taking lots of Australian 'stuff' – little koalas are perfect, but old badges, key-rings and lots more will draw attention too. It's nice to give a new mate a keep-sake, or trade for a cool souvenir.

We also recommend practicing your best yarns about 'Straya – dropbears, pet kangaroos and more. Some of the poor Europeans are so innocent, it is almost too easy....

### Badgework

Anyone wanting to use a KISC2016 Activity for the Scouts Australia Award Scheme must have written approval and bring it with them, for Gary to signoff during the trip.



## The Final Word – “Live the Dream”

Kandersteg International Scout Centre is known as the ‘spiritual home of world Scouting’ – continuing on the atmosphere of a World Jamboree each and every day.

BP, that brilliant old timer, had the forethought to leave his beloved Scouts with a place so special, so atmospheric, so connected to him that his spirit and the spirit of International Scouting cascades through the place! It’s any wonder that when BP dreamed of the permanent mini jamboree, he dreamed of Kandersteg.

One of the best bits about KISC is that BP himself, camped there. Yup, on the very campsite you will be sharing with your Scouting brothers and sisters. The exact spot is now called BP’s Hill and you can still get there and stand where the great man stood. Fast forward to 1957, and Australia and our olè mate Canada were the first two non – Europeans to sponsor a room in the Old Chalet – and the Australian room is one of the nicest with the best views.

This KISC2016 trip will be about the activities and adventure, but also so much more than that. There will be times to learn, to reflect and to share with Scouts from around the world. Embrace the culture and the vibe, just as much as the adrenaline.

We are all so lucky that 93 years after BP’s dream became a reality, it’s still nestled in the stunning Swiss Alps for you to revel in. So as the KISC motto is ‘Live the Dream’, when you get there, do just that. Soak up the atmosphere; take every opportunity you are offered and Live BP’s dream.

### Insurance:

Event	Sum Insured
Accidental Death	\$50,000
Permanent Total Disablement	\$50,000
Other Permanent Disablement	\$50,000
Temporary Total Disablement (Injury) limited to 156 weeks and subject to an excess period of 7 days	Up to \$500 per week
Temporary Total Disablement (Sickness)	Not Insured
Fractured Bones	\$500
Injury Resulting in Surgery	\$30,000
Sickness Resulting in Surgery	\$30,000
Injury resulting in loss/damage to teeth	\$250
Overseas Medical & Evacuation	Unlimited
Loss of Deposits, Cancellation & Curtailment	Unlimited
Deprivation of Luggage	\$3,000
Personal Luggage	\$5,000
Personal Money & Travel Documents	\$5,000
Portable Electronic Equipment	\$5,000
Missed transport connection	\$5,000
Overbooked flights	\$10,000
Personal Liability	\$5,000,000
Identity Theft	\$50,000
Kidnap, Ransom & Extortion	\$250,000
Hijack & Detention. \$1000 per day up to a maximum of	\$20,000
Political Unrest & Natural Disaster Evacuation	\$10,000