**Some suggestions for a talk with parents & youth, both when they start & when moving between sections.**

Ideally for new members the GL, Chair or Section leader (or combination of some) will make a time to answer all the questions and let the parents and youth know what scouts is all about.

This might be during the night if you have enough supervision, at the end of the night or at their home if appropriate. People are fascinated once they know what the organisation is all about.

It is from these meetings that relationships are formed and commitments made.

Handing out a package is ok but it will never achieve the same effect as a talk over a cup of tea.

This meeting should also happen when members move between sections. Invite the parents to the Going Up ceremony and ask them to stay for 20 mins after so that you can answer all their questions.

You can also let them know of your expectations.

Don’t underestimate these chats, they are worth the time taken to organise them.

**Many parents join scouts in various rolls from these talks.**

Here are some suggestions and you will have many to add.

Welcome to the Group and its Sections

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders, Adult Helpers & Committee

Aims of Scouting Character, healthy lifestyle, crafts & skills, service to others, leadership, teamwork etc.

Check the details on the application form

Activities At the hall, day outings, hikes, camps, Permission forms

Uniform Standard required

Programming How is the program put together, youth involvement

Equipment Tents & Camping equip, backpacks, canoes etc

Introduce the Leaders & Patrol Leaders

Committee meetings & group activities

Annual fees & fundraising Both for the Group and sections

Applications Parents can trial out for positions, just like new chums. (for a Leader, Adult Helper or Committee)

Other ideas on https://sydneynorthregionscoutsresources.weebly.com/