



October 2026

Dear Senior Pathfinders and Parents,

We are excited to announce our upcoming Senior Day Hike from Otford to Bundeena on Sunday, October 25. This is part of the Hiking honour, which has a requirement of walking at least 25km in one day. This challenging coastal trek through Royal National Park will test our Pathfinders' endurance and reward them with breathtaking scenery. There is also the possibility of having a swim at the beach along the way.



It would be worth doing some walking in preparation, as it will be a challenging day, both physically and mentally!

Hike Details

- **Date:** Sunday, October 25
- **Route:** Otford to Bundeena (Coast Track)
- **Distance:** 28km
- **Estimated time:** 8-10 hours
- **Difficulty:** Challenging

Required gear

Essentials:

- Day pack that fits the required items
- Torch and spare batteries (you might be completing the walk in the dark)
- First-aid kit
- Sunscreen (SPF 50+)
- Water – min 2L (can be filled up along the way)
- Food
 - Breakfast (suitable for eating in the car or before they leave home)
 - Solid lunch that doesn't require cooking
 - Snacks (energy dense but not many sweets, e.g. nuts, muesli bars, dried fruit)

Clothing:

- Comfortable hiking shorts (decent length for sun protection and minimisation of chafing)
- Camping t-shirts – Pathfinders must wear their 'camping shirts' (not the polo). If your Pathfinder does not have the new camping t-shirt, made of the breathable material, you may wish to order one ASAP at [T-shirt \(new style\) – Castle Hill Pathfinder Club](#)
- Socks – good quality, at least ¾ crew or crew length, not low-cut socks, as they may result in blisters
- Swimmers and light towel
- A Pathfinder hat / cap
- Raincoat
- Hiking boots

Logistics

- **Meeting point:** Castle Hill SDA Church
- **Arrival time:** 6:30 AM
- **Estimated return:** 8:30 PM
- **Transport:** Leader's cars
- **Cost:** \$25 per person (includes transport and dinner)

Leadership and Support

- Hike Leaders: Stephen Coyle, Litta Stephen, Jackson Chen, possibly more
- Support Crew: Susie Coyle, Rachel Wegener, Priscilla and Joe Cignarella

Important Notes

- Support vehicles will accompany hikers
- Opportunities for beach swims may be available, weather and time permitting
- Parts of the track will be challenging
- Be prepared for varying weather conditions

Required Actions

Click on the following link to complete the form and payment for attending -

RSVP: We need to finalise numbers a week prior to the event so please pay your fees no later than **Thursday, 15th October, 2026**. If your child is not attending, please advise Priscilla by email at chpathfindersecretary@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued commitment to Castle Hill Pathfinders. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rachel, Stephen, or Priscilla.

Kind regards,

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