

KISC100 AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

Frequently Asked Questions



[Some resources to get you started](#)

- [International Scouting Parent Guide 2021](#)
- [International Events Adult Guide 2021](#)

Applications

What age bracket is KISC100 for?

A Scout, Venturer or Rover born between 14 July 1997 and 1 July 2009 inclusive (i.e. minimum age 14 years, maximum age 25 years at the event) and Leaders.

Do I need a valid passport when I first apply?

No but if you are selected for the KISC100 Contingent, you will need to add one as soon as you can via your Scouts Australia Online Event Management System account.

How many referees do we need?

Two Scouting referees

Your first referee should be your direct Leader. That could be your Scout Leader, Venturer Leader, Unit Leader. For adults, that could be your Group Leader, District Leader etc. Whoever it is, they need to be the next leader in your "chain of command", eg a Venturer Scout Leader would select their Group Leader.

If this leader is unavailable or ineligible, please substitute them with another leader above them in their "chain of command".

Your second referee should be that Leader's Leader in the "chain of command", ie a Venturer Scout Leader would select their District Commissioner.

If this leader is unavailable or ineligible, please substitute them with another leader above them in their "chain of command".

What type of things would be best to include in your application to increase your chances of getting selected? And is it first in first served?

It's best to make sure you have thought about why you want to be part of the contingent, what you want to get out of the opportunity to travel with the contingent and how travelling internationally makes you feel.

Otherwise, there are some other little bits and pieces you can do to make sure you're ready to submit your application.

Make sure you have:

- A current Scouts Australia Online Event Management System account
 - If you don't have an account already, create one here:
<https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/>
 - If you do have one, make sure your account is active and your details are up to date.
- Your referees are ready to go.

- Youth members under the age of 18 – remember to put your email in the primary email field and your parent/guardian's email address in the secondary email field.

The KISC100 Contingent is a little different to other contingents in that it is not first in first serve. You will submit your application, your referees will complete their sections and you will get approvals. Once your application is complete and your deposit paid, your application will go through a selection process.

You said that it is not first in best dressed, but is it still better to get the application in early?

The KISC100 Contingent is not first in best dressed.

It helps us get an idea of what the contingent will look like if applications come in earlier.

My child is relatively new to Scouts, but willing to work hard to get their qualifications. Will this be a disadvantage and how do they show their other experience on the application?

Not at all, we encourage any interested Scouts to submit an application. There is space in the application to include any and all previous experience.

Additionally, the eligibility requirements of completing Outdoor Adventure Skills Camping Stage 4 and a minimum of ten (10) nights camping under canvas within Scouting, with at least three (3) of them consecutive, is in the interest of our Youth members and preparing them as best we can for an international Scouting event.

If you have travelled before, does that put you above or below people who haven't? will we be less eligible if we attended the last KISC trip?

We encourage any interested Scouts to submit an application, regardless of whether they have travelled or not. However, if you visited KISC with the Australian Contingent in 2016, please consider whether you need to travel there again with a contingent or if there might be someone else who hasn't been that could benefit from coming with us in 2023.

What is your leader/adult to youth ratio, ie. how many leader positions are there?

No hard and fast answers here.

The KISC100 Contingent is prioritising youth members for the Contingent as much as possible. There are a number of factors that will determine the number of Leader positions. However, we do anticipate that the Contingent will be oversubscribed for both youth and adult participants.

I know you said you can only go to either KISC or WSJ so should we apply for both to maximise our chances if we didn't get picked for KISC?

when would we find out if have a spot?

Applications close Monday 31 January 2022. We hope to have the Contingent selected and successful applicants notified by mid February 2022.

You can only attend KISC100 or World Scout Jamboree 2023 so have a think about where you really want to travel. There may be the opportunity to join the World Scout Jamboree 2023 Contingent if you find out you weren't selected for the KISC100 contingent but you will need to get in contact with them to find out.

Flights

Will flights be booked for everyone or do we individually get them?

The KISC100 Contingent Management Team will book all Contingent flights.

If an Independent Travel option is offered for adults, additional information regarding the conditions of being an independent traveller will be circulated to those who indicated they were interested in this option.

Where do we fly out from especially if you are from Alice Springs NT

It's early days and will depend a little on the carrier we use.

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Why isn't South Australia represented in the management team?

Scouts Australia operates many different Contingents and all Branches are represented across the entire Australian International Team. Individual Contingents however have small teams appointed to best deliver each unique experience for our members and it is not always possible for every event to have every Branch represented on the organising team.

How much spending money do you suggest to bring? Are there opportunities to buy things?

Short answer is not much. Enough for an ice cream or some cake at the local bakery and some souvenirs.

But this is also covered in the International Scouting Parent Guide 2021 available via this link <https://scouts.com.au/what-we-do/international/resources/> - Spending money guidance (page 6).

When will you have decided about independent travel?

Hopefully by the end of 2021.

Are the organisers concerned about COVID or are they pretty confident it will go ahead?

We're confident the KISC100 Contingent will go ahead. The CMT are working super hard to make this experience a truly amazing one. We're all looking forward to it - isn't it nice to have something to look forward to?!

Do we know what COVID Vaccination requirements will be yet?

Not as yet – the KISC100 contingent will travel in 2023 so who knows where we will be at! What we do know is that some airlines have mandated vaccinations.

In the meantime, please read the [Scouts Australia vaccination policy](#).

Will there be Travel Bags, Shirts etc included in the price?

Two Contingent shirts, two Australian International scarves and name badge is included in the price.

There will not be a contingent travel bag as each member of the contingent will need their own hike pack for the trip. The hike pack should be used as their main luggage.

Other optional merch will be available to purchase at a later date.

How many people are you intending to be part of the contingent?

We're aiming to have approximately 200 participants plus the CMT.

What about language barriers? Will one language be used for whole group activities/meetings?

The official language of KISC is English and all KISC activities are conducted in English. But there will be Scouts from all over the world on the campsite. We will hear all sorts of languages around KISC. Further to this, Swiss German (Schwizzer-Dütsch) is used in the village so if you really want to impress the locals, take [Laura's quick Swiss German lesson!](#)