Program Pulse

A quick check on the quality of your Unit program

Program Pulse is designed to help Units take programming to the next level and ensure a quality Scouting experience for youth members. A quality program is adventurous, fun, challenging, and inclusive for every young person.

We know that an engaging Unit program, run well, keeps young people coming back for more and helps them get the most out of Scouts. This includes running great activities that spark growth and adventure, supporting young people to take ownership of their program, and championing the Achievement Pathways to develop skills and confidence.

How to use this form: complete it together as a Unit Council. For each statement, tick the option that best describes your Unit. You can fill it in on screen or print it.

1. Youth Leading, Adults Supporting

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
We hold our Unit Councils once per term/semester.	○	○	○	○	○
We feel appropriately supported by adults to deliver a quality youth-led program.	○	○	○	○	○
We are responsible as a Unit Council for aspects of the Unit we feel are appropriate to our age and experience.	○	○	○	○	○
We offer all youth members the opportunity to attend a Personal Development Course / Leadership Course.	○	○	○	○	○

2. Community Involvement

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
We occasionally attend joint activities with other sections, Units or Groups.	○	○	○	○	○
We plan activities that build our appreciation of our local community and contribute to creating a better world.	○	○	○	○	○

3. Learning by Doing

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
We use the Plan>Do>Review> method when we organise our activities.	○	○	○	○	○
We organise activities that allow our Unit members to put the skills they have learned into practice.	○	○	○	○	○
We consider the SPICES when reviewing our activities to understand how we have grown through our activities and adventures.	○	○	○	○	○

4. Nature and the Outdoors

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
We organise activities outside which build our appreciation and understanding of nature and the environment.	○	○	○	○	○
We get outside the Scout Hall each term and have overnight adventures in the outdoors.	○	○	○	○	○

5. Promise and Law

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
We use our Unit Code to support everyone's positive participation and review the Unit Code each year.	○	○	○	○	○
We regularly use the Scout Promise and Law to explore our individual values and beliefs.	○	○	○	○	○

6. Personal Progression

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
The Unit Council organises a new members transition into the Unit so they well welcomed and understand how the Unit operates.	○	○	○	○	○
We involve youth members in the Introduction to Scouting and Introduction to Section conversations with new members of the Unit.	○	○	○	○	○
We support every Unit member to set and regularly review personal goals for their Scouting journey, such as the Peak Award.	○	○	○	○	○
We assign youth members a lead for each activity.	○	○	○	○	○
We incorporate the core Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) into our regular Unit program.	○	○	○	○	○
We give our Unit members opportunities to progress their Outdoor Adventure Skills across streams that interest them.	○	○	○	○	○
We support each member of the Unit to Plan>Do>Review> their Special Interest Areas (SIA) projects.	○	○	○	○	○

7. Patrol System

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
We undertake activities in Patrols or Project Patrols, encouraging teamwork and friendship.	○	○	○	○	○
We give our Unit members the opportunity to hold leadership positions within the Unit, such as Patrol Leader, Unit Leader, or Unit Council.	○	○	○	○	○

8. Symbolic Framework

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
We teach all Unit members about the symbols of Scouting, such as the Scout sign, Scout handshake, and the Scarf/Uniform.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
We understand and incorporate our section motto to help make our Unit's traditions and activities more exciting.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

About your Unit

I am from ◯ ACT ◯ NSW ◯ NT ◯ QLD ◯ SA ◯ TAS ◯ VIC ◯ WA

My section is ◯ Joey ◯ Cub ◯ Scout ◯ Venturer ◯ Rover

My Scout Group is

Unit Council members

Date completed

Notes and next steps

Prefer to do it online? Complete Program Pulse at **scouts.com.au/program-pulse** and we'll email you a report with your Unit's strengths and a few ideas to work on.