

PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP (PLA)

The PLA is recognised throughout the South Pacific Division as the introductory training package for you as a Pathfinder leader or staff member. The PLA will enable you to develop your leadership skills as you acquire a thorough understanding of the philosophy and practice of Pathfinding. The PLA provides quality training in various aspects of club organisation, spiritual formation and outdoor skills.

The recommendation is that each person takes two years to complete their PLA.

To be awarded the PLA you must successfully complete the following:

1. Requirements set out in the PLA Record Book
2. 11 x Online Pathfinder Modules
3. 5 x Online Outdoor Recreation Modules



PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP AWARD RECORD BOOK

- An electronic copy of this book can be downloaded from the SQ Children's Ministry Website here: <https://www.sqchildren.org.au/pla> or order hard copy from Youth Ministries Dept.
- Complete I In-service Training
- Complete II Personal and Spiritual Growth

ONLINE PATHFINDER MODULES

These online modules cover Section III New Skills Development listed in the PLA Record Book. These online modules do not cost any money to register for and complete. The recommendation is that these modules are completed prior to the outdoor recreation modules.

- Online Pathfinder Modules are accessed here: <http://sqpathfinderspla.com.au>
- Access is obtained by emailing the Youth Ministries Department and providing your Full Name, Email address and Pathfinder Club Name. The Youth Ministries Department will provide you with a log in.
- Create an evidence folder to keep all documentation and certificates in to provide to your DD/Assessor at the end.
- Complete the practical modules first – this is to maximize the benefit of the practical assessment/consolidation session held each year. Print certificates once completed.
 - Pathfinder Drill & Marching
 - Pathfinder Nature Awareness Methods
 - Pathfinder Games
 - Pathfinder Knots & Lashings
- Complete the remaining modules - Print certificates once completed.
 - Pathfinder Administration
 - Pathfinder Programming
 - Pathfinder Committees and Job Descriptions

- Pathfinder Curriculum
 - Pathfinder Active Learning Methods
- Attend the Practical Assessment/Consolidation session provided by the Youth Ministries Department. This is an afternoon/evening event. Check the Youth Calendar for the date each year.

ONLINE OUTDOOR RECREATION MODULES

These modules are completed through Avondale College of Higher Education. They form part of the Certificate 111 or Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation. All units have an online component which can include instructional videos which are voiced over, multi-choice tests, assignments, log books, journals, observation and third party reports detailing performance. Enrolment needs to be completed and paid for, before online learning can commence. The cost for the five PLA Modules is \$160. The recommendation is to complete these modules in the second year of the PLA.

- You only have 12 months to complete these modules! As a guide, each module may take approximately 16 hours of your time.
- Obtain a Unique Student Identifier (USI) number: <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/create-usi>
- Register for Online Avondale Modules: <http://www.avondale.edu.au/courses/vocational-education-training/outdoor-recreation-short-courses/>.
- Select the 'Short Courses Application (Individual)' and complete sections A & B Only.
 - Submit this form to Avondale via fax: 02 4980 2190 or email: outdoorrecreation@avondale.edu.au
- Avondale will provide access details to the 'Student Connect System' where you will need to input your USI number.
- Complete the Five Modules:
- Finalise Operation of Outdoor Recreation Activities
 - Facilitate Groups
 - Respond to Emergency Situations
 - Identify, Assess and Control Risks for Outdoor Recreation Activities
- Print Certificates/Statements of Attainment.

Important Notes:

- There are cut off dates for where you can withdraw from the courses without academic or financial penalty. Check with Avondale College for these.
- If you do not complete the modules within the 12 month period of registering, you will have to register and pay again.
- Note that the '12 month' period is based on Avondale College terms – therefore if you register in January/February you will only have till November to complete the modules, if you register in July you will have till June the following year.

Avondale Contact Details:

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<http://www.avondale.edu.au/courses/vocational-education-training/outdoor-recreation-short-courses/>

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