



# THE WAY





## ORIENTEERING FIRSTS FOR YEAR 9 BRONZE DUKE OF ED

Last Friday Year 9 Bronze Duke of Ed students and the Year 11 Dukes committee travelled to a local bush reserve for their first experience of orienteering.

Run by the Southern Highlands Occasional Orienteer, students put into practice the navigational skills they have learnt at previous trainings and hikes and implemented new skills.

Students learnt to interpret contour information to describe land-form and shape and used a map and compass in concert to enable navigation. All of the exercises built in an incremental fashion on several core skills, until students navigated on their own or in pairs through bushland areas by the end of the day.

The last activity was a race – to find all the markers at different locations and get back to home base before everyone else. It was fantastic to see students using only what they had around them, away from technology to assist to complete the navigation. It should prove very useful for their test hike in September!

Keen to learn more about orienteering or would like to join a club? Head to Southern Highlands

Occasional Orienteers website <http://shoo.org.au/> or Orienteering NSW <https://www.onsw.asn.au/>.

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