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IS THE ADF A GOOD ROLE MODEL?



YOUTH CHALLENGE 2011

Student pre-Challenge Activities

Name:

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*Congratulations on having been selected to attend a
Defence 2020 Youth Challenge.*

We know you are not quite sure what to expect on the day, but we promise you an exciting and informative time with lots of fellow students from other schools.

The focus of the day is on interactive exploration of the idea of role models in your life.

'A role model — what's that? Who needs one?' you may ask. Well, that's what we want to explore with you.

But first, we ask you to complete the next three pages before the day of the Youth Challenge. We will collect these, and two lucky students' replies will be chosen at random, and will win a prize ... as long as the activities have been completed!

So, do the activities, they will only take a few minutes, and will certainly help you get even more enjoyment and value from the day.

Good luck!

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DEFENCE 2020 AND THE ADF AS A ROLE MODEL

The *Defence 2020* Youth Challenge is about whether the ADF — both individual soldiers and the organisation — are an appropriate role model for young people today.

1 What is a role model?

Who are your role models? Don't take much time thinking about this; just write down the first few who come to mind.

2 Thinking about it more

Why did you choose those people? What is it about them that you like? Choose two from your list and explain why you see them as role models.

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B

3 Hero or role model?

The first people you wrote down are likely to be more 'heroes' than role models — people whom we admire and enjoy, but maybe they are not the people we want to really be like. **Heroes can come and go as you get a bit older and as fashion changes, but a role model, once you decide on one, is likely to stay pretty much the same.**

Here are some people who may be in your life. Decide which you think might be people who are likely to be role models for you. Tick the appropriate box beside each.

Person	Likely to be	Not likely to be	Not sure
Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Favourite actor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Favourite entertainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Political leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local community leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Favourite sportsperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nobel prize winner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Favourite writer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other family member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Thinking it through

You are probably still not quite clear about what a role model really is.

A role model is someone who behaves in a way that you would like to behave, who has the qualities that you would like to have, and the values that you would like to have.

List the qualities that you would like to have, or that you admire in others. They could be physical qualities (strong, good-looking, athletic, talented), or they could be character qualities (brave, honest, reliable, considerate).

Now mark five that you think are the most important ones to you, the ones that you really and realistically think will be part of your life forever.

Go back and look at your list again. Mark the people who you think have these qualities that you would like to have. Is your list different now that you have decided what your role model should be like? Perhaps you can now add some people to your list who were not there in the first place.

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5 Does the ADF provide a relevant role model for young people today?

We have said that a role model is someone who acts in ways that we hope we will act ourselves.

Look at the following images of aspects of the behaviour of the ADF today.

Write beside each any qualities or characteristics that are likely to be part of that activity, and that might be a quality or characteristic that you would hope you also have. One example has been done to help you.



Combat training



Mixing with local children during a humanitarian assistance operation



Home after a disaster relief operation



Women members of the ADF

Equality
Opportunity
Respect



Loading armaments



A patrol in Afghanistan



A suspected illegal entry vessel being intercepted in Australian waters



Australian and New Zealand Ministers for Defence lay commemorative wreaths at a Turkish memorial at Gallipoli

The *Defence 2020* Youth Challenge is also a chance to ask members of the Australian Defence Force some questions about the sort of activities that are part of their service lives.

List 2 questions that you might like to ask an ADF representative about the individual or the organisation as a role model for young people today.

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