

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the benefits of participation in the program?

- More confident communication and social skills
- Stronger, more respectful and supportive father relationships
- Increased respect for women
- More motivated to set goals and finish school
- More motivated to give back to the community

These benefits have been confirmed by independent market research conducted by Stancombe Research and Planning.

Is this a religious program?

No. Pathways has no religious affiliation or bias. We welcome participants from all walks of life.

Will my son be safe?

Yes. The wellbeing of your boy is paramount.

I'm a single mother, can my son attend?

Yes. Many boys have attended with men other than their father.

What other programs does Pathways run?

Pathways into Womanhood, Leadership Development, YoungStars, Returning Young Men and we also give educational and community seminars.

What is the Pathways financial policy?

Our policy is that no one should be excluded from participating in this important work for financial reasons. Scholarships and payment plans are available.

For more information and a complete FAQ list please visit our website at www.pathwaysfoundation.com.au.

"A boy cannot change into a man without the active intervention of older men." – Robert Bly



His Excellency the Governor-General Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC is the Patron of the Pathways Foundation.

TESTIMONIALS

"This program saves lives..." – Joe

"My son had come back from the Pathways Camp with a 'fire-in-his-belly' about the rest of his life... [the] Pathways to Manhood program is amazing." – Peter

"I got a better relationship with my Dad ... so it helped with that. Yeah. Sometimes I tell other kids, 'Don't give up on your Dad even if it means not living with him but meeting up with him.'" – Young Man



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Pathways to Manhood

A contemporary, community based
Rite of Passage for boys into Manhood



A bush camp for boys aged
13 to 15 years and their fathers

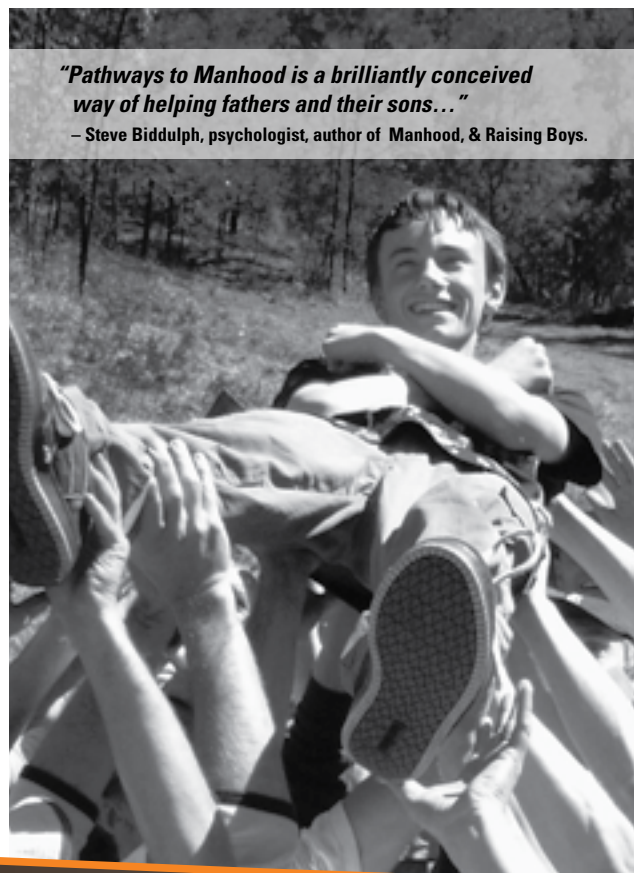


THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOYS AND MEN

Rite of Passage

Boy Psychology	Healthy Man Psychology
Seeks acknowledgement	Has a Mission
Power is for me	Power is for sharing
Centre of the universe	Part of the universe
I will live forever	I am mortal
Ruled by emotions	Stands with emotions
No responsibility for actions	Full responsibility for actions
Wants a mother	Seeks relationship with feminine

The bridge between boyhood and manhood is a **Rite of Passage**.



“Pathways to Manhood is a brilliantly conceived way of helping fathers and their sons...”

– Steve Biddulph, psychologist, author of *Manhood, & Raising Boys*.



WHAT HAPPENS AT A PATHWAYS CAMP?

The program, facilitated by a group of experienced leaders and support staff, takes the form of a 5 or 6 day bush camp. It begins with an Orientation Evening for parents which takes place a week or so prior to the camp.

The main program consists of three principal elements:

- 1 The Leaving Day | **Separation**
- 2 The Bush Camp | **Transformation**
- 3 The Return Day | **Integration and Celebration**

The camp environment is a safe place where there are opportunities for the boys and men to share stories without fear of judgement or competition and with respect around confidentiality. Boys hear men speak about the many paths a man may walk.

Boys love challenges. Our unique Pathways to Manhood program includes a broad range of fun and challenging activities. We balance challenge with care, supervision, respect and compassion.

MOTHERS

Involvement of the Mothers (or a caregiver) at the Orientation Evening, the Leaving Day and the Return Day is highly valued and integral to the success of the program. Skilled Pathways women facilitators support the Mothers as they let go of their boy and welcome back a young man.



→ We all want our boys to be safe and to do well. To achieve this it is vital that the boy grows up emotionally.

“Old age is inevitable, growing up is optional.” – Unknown

WHAT IS PATHWAYS?

The Pathways Foundation is a national harm prevention charity that provides contemporary, community based Rites of Passage for boys into Manhood and girls into Womanhood.

The award winning Pathways to Manhood program has been running since 1995.

WHAT IS A RITE OF PASSAGE?

A Rite of Passage is an experience or event that marks the transition from one life stage to another. There can be many Rites of Passage in a person’s life including graduation and marriage. The transition we focus on is the crucial shift from boy to young man.

WHY DO BOYS NEED HELP IN GROWING UP?

A boy’s body changes dramatically as he goes through puberty.

Physically his body will become that of a man but sadly it is still possible to be a “boy” at age 35 or older.

The shift from boy psychology to man psychology is not one that occurs naturally. The differences are so fundamental that a Rite of Passage is required for this transition. Traditional societies recognized this need and devoted more resources to assisting the transition from child to young adult than any other aspect of community life.