



# Take Two

**Best friends ERIN MENDYGRAL (left) and KIMBERLEY FERNANDEZ are in the Dapto Girl Guides. They spoke to WILLIAM VERITY.**

**KIMBERLEY FERNANDEZ, 12:**

I met Erin at kindergarten orientation and right from the start, I thought she was very nice. We were friends because we were in the same class, but then we didn't talk for ages. We hung out with different people.

Then my mum got her mum a job so we used to go to each other's house while they worked together so we used to do sleepovers.

It was bring a friend night and Erin brought me to Guides. It was the very last night of Guides so we did Christmas craft, like decorations for the tree. The other girls are nice - although there are some mean ones. I joined up because I knew people who did it and it looked lots of fun.

Erin loves netball and she's funny, she always cheers you up. Sometimes she tells jokes and she has a really good sense of humour. When we go camping, we make a fire and have dinner on it. It gets you out of the house. Erin and I share the tent. We lie there and talk about people, stuff that we do at school.

On a weekend, we'd go down to the park, we'd go for a swim. We go to the movies together and go shopping, for clothes mostly.

We like going to Crown Central in Wollongong or Dapto Mall and maybe

have a milkshake and normally stay for lunch.

Erin is my best friend. Although we are not in the same class at school, we see each other every morning and at lunch and recess. It was nice going to a new school with Erin because I had someone to hang around with.

I am staying in the Guides until I get the BP Award, probably sometime next year. Mum wants me to get it and she was in the Guides.

**ERIN MENDYGRAL, 13:**

I was eight when I joined Guides because mum wanted me to join - she used to be a Guide. I didn't know what Guides was, but it was about meeting new people and camping. There are always new people and you make friends straight away, because there are not a lot of people.

I met Erin when I was five at Dapto Public School. We didn't speak for a couple of years because we got into different classes. Then our mums started to do home reading together at kindergarten and then, in third class, they started to work together doing merchandising. After that, Kimberley joined me at Guides.

We used to never talk and now we sit

together at lunch and recess. We are always talking and having fun together. We do sleepovers every weekend. She's my best friend - she's kind, nice and smart but she's also clumsy. She broke her arm after she fell off the slippery dip in kindergarten. She's always bouncing around and getting into things. We do a lot together so we end up doing the same things. I like sport but she's better at other things like hair-braiding.

Kimberley is definitely louder than me when she wants to be. She is more shy than me but then, once she gets comfortable, you can't turn her off. We get along well and we like each other's company.

We come to the Guide hall and do crafts, badges and towards the big award which is the BP. It's really cool.

I like camping because you get to stay up all night in tents. We do games, camp fires and things like that. Kimberley and I always share a tent and watch movies on each other's iPods, eat lollies and stuff like that.

If I wasn't a Guide, I wouldn't know Kimberley and my life wouldn't be as interesting. If Kimberley moved away, I would have to find new people to talk to at school. I would miss her, of course. It would be quiet. Friends make stuff fun. ■

**We are always talking and having fun together.**

