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Subject: ADFA CADET INJURED IN CANYONING ACTIVITY

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SENSITIVITY: Civilian search and rescue assets were involved, which may attract media reporting about ADFA.

KEY ISSUES:

- At approximately 1330 hours today, a member of an ADFA group on a canyoning activity in the Blue Mountains dislocated his shoulder.
- The injured cadet could not be evacuated by his colleagues on foot.
- The group activated a personal locator beacon (PLB) and Australian Search and Rescue (AUSSAR) reacted a helicopter to evacuate the cadet. Evacuation occurred at 1600 hours.
- The injured cadet is now in Westmead Hospital in a satisfactory condition. No other personnel were injured.
- It is likely that the injured cadet will be discharged from hospital today or tomorrow.

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