

FOCUS

SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

Gold Coast School's National Success

Model F1 race cars built to meet 60 pages of rigid technical specifications tearing down a 20 meter track in times of 1.0 second or less is the venue of STEM students competing at the National finals that will culminate in the World finals at Abu Dhabi UAE later this year.

For participant student teams it's intense with display booth setup, racing, engineering interviews, verbal presentations and marketing and branding interviews conducted before a variety of judging panels. For mentor teachers it's the culmination of months of planning, support and guidance. For me, as an invitee, it was thrilling!



Gold Coast Christian College's (GCCC) involvement began as a seed idea. While attending the F1 in schools Challenge trade booth displayed at the Future Schools Conference in Melbourne in 2017, Principal Guy Lawson recognised the potential benefits to student learning and discussions followed as to how GCCC might be able to become the hub school on the Gold Coast to host the F1 in schools program in the Gold Coast Region.

Mr Lawson explains, "In March of 2018 a memorandum of understanding was signed between GCCC and REA Australia and GCCC embarked on their F1 in schools journey. The program was supported generously by Karen Andrews our federal MP."

Mr Lawson (IDT speciality) and Head of Secondary, Mr Jason Smith (Business) combined to form teams from their two classes that could compete with the necessary skill sets. As the program progressed Mrs Natalie Lawson (Project Planning) and Miss Kayla-Brooke Young (Science/English) were added to assist with technical detail and literacy development.

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Adventist Education—Still at the Forefront of Mission

Seventh-day Adventists are committed to Education. The global church educational program includes over 8,500 schools, colleges and universities, with over 108,500 teachers and 1,954,920 students, operating in over 100 countries around the world. In Australia there are 48 school campuses catering for almost 14,000 students.

It all started in Battle Creek, Michigan, where on the first floor of the Review and Herald Publishing building, Goodloe Harper Bell became the teacher and co-founder of the first Seventh-day Adventist school. The year was 1872, and the Adventist church was less than 10 years old.

It was in the same year, 1872, that Ellen White wrote the article, Proper Education, which provided the vision and direction for Adventist Education moving forward. At the time it contained revolutionary counsel which is now widely accepted by Educational leaders. This prophetic guidance set us on the right path early in the development of Adventist Education.

Lots of things have changed over the last 150 years. Approaches to teaching and learning have grown, the subjects taught have changed, disciplinary methods have changed, technology has advanced incredibly, but some things are still the same. We still embrace the same philosophy, that

“education should be redemptive in nature, for the purpose of restoring human beings to the image of God, our Creator. Mental, physical, social, and spiritual health, intellectual growth, and service to humanity form a core of values that are essential aspects of the Adventist education philosophy.”

We are privileged in South Queensland to have schools committed to the purpose of Adventist Education. Our schools are frontline to our mission. We have a great team in the Education Department led by Mr. Jack Ryan, we have committed, mission focused principals for our 7 schools, a band of 266 teachers and over 200 support staff that keep the original intent of Adventist Education at the fore. We are committed to Adventist Education.

One of the features of this edition of Focus, is a story from Gold Coast Christian College. You’ll be blessed as you read about their success in the National Formula One (F1) in Schools challenge. We extend congratulations on their fine achievement.

Join me as we continue to support and pray for our schools in South Queensland.

ARTICLE BY BRETT TOWNEND AND PHOTO BY WES TOLHURST

¹ Testimonies for the Church, 3:131-160

² www.education.adventist.org/history/

South Queensland Conference Annual Convention 2019

Yearly, Big Camp is a major spiritual highlight for the South Queensland Conference. Children and adults alike all look forward to the fun activities and opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. As our camp continues to grow we need to be ever vigilant toward our responsibilities to ensure all who attend are able to do so safely.

As an administrative team we are committed to doing all we can to safeguard every attendee during the Big Camp program. As a result we have been working with AdSAFE, the Child and Vulnerable Person Protection service for the Adventist Church, to implement protocols to assist with mitigating risks during Conference wide events.



Starting this year, it will be our standard practice to require all Big Camp attendees to make application in advance, including all day visitors. Day visitor registration is a change to what we have previously required, however each person seeking to enter the camp ground will need to be registered beforehand, including those assisting in roles as employees and volunteers on behalf of the conference as well as all residents seeking to stay at the site.



Registration will be via the hardcopy application published in the FOCUS, or via the online registration link.

Big Camp presents an identified heightened risk with thousands of people that are involved in temporary accommodation, bathing and toileting facilities and we are committed to assuring that each person, young and old can do so in safety.

Thank you for noting this change in registration making sure that if you are planning to attend that you register your intention to attend as a resident or day visitor.

It's going to be a great camp with inspiring messages and fun activities. I look forward to seeing you there.

PR COLIN RENFREW, SECRETARY

Big Tent Camp Speaker

Pr Lee Venden has accepted the invitation to speak at our Big Camp this year.

Lee has never forgotten the joy he experienced when he discovered the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing Jesus. A pastor and educator for nearly 40 years, Lee has sought to know Jesus better and to help others accomplish that as well. He has authored three books and co-authored the internationally popular website, www.moreaboutjesus.org. Lee will speak in the Big Tent during both the evening and morning Bible Study times.



Seventh-day Adventist Church Opts into National Redress Scheme

At the August 2016 board meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited, the directors voted to approve the adoption of the Seventh-day Adventist Interim Internal Redress Protocols as received from the Australian Union Conference.

National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse



During 2018 the Federal Government enacted The National Redress Scheme (“Scheme”) in response to recommendations by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse listened to thousands of people about the abuse they experienced as children. The abuse happened in orphanages, Children’s Homes, schools, churches and other religious organisations, sports clubs, hospitals, foster care and other institutions.

Since the establishment of the Scheme, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia has worked toward opting into the Scheme and the South Queensland Executive members approved in principal support to Opting in to the Scheme during its August 2018 meeting.

Adsafe, the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s official entity for matters relating to Child Sexual Abuse and the protection of vulnerable persons has been progressing the ‘Opt in’ process to the National Redress Scheme.

Natalie Renshaw, Adsafes Senior Case Officer—Redress states, “Adsafes has been working very closely and cooperatively with the National Redress Taskforce (“Taskforce”) in an attempt to meet the requirements to opt into the National Redress Scheme. The Taskforce is essentially the liaison officer between institutions and the Scheme. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been working with the Taskforce and is noted as intending to join the Scheme in the third quarter of 2019.”

Noting the monumental task of having all of our conferences, churches, schools, pathfinder clubs and the like (both past and present) listed as participating in the Scheme, Anne Wooldridge Adsafes General Manager says, “Adsafes nominated the third quarter of 2019 as the date we would be able to realistically meet the requirements of the National Redress Scheme and this is the timeframe Adsafes and the Taskforce are working towards.”

Our church is now listed as intending to opt into the National Redress Scheme by the 3rd Quarter 2019 on the National Redress Website. www.nationalredress.gov.au/institutions/institutions-have-not-yet-joined

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Queensland and across Australia acknowledges the harm and impact that child sexual abuse has on survivors and is committed to working with survivors as they seek healing. For this reason Adsafes has been operating an internal Redress Scheme since late 2016 which has been informed by the recommendations of the Royal commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse as well as the Scheme itself. “The internal scheme will continue to operate even after we have formally opted into the Scheme as our jurisdiction covers New Zealand as well,” explains Mrs Wooldridge.



ARTICLE BY COLIN RENFREW, SECRETARY

Ministry Development and Local Leadership

March 18 saw our Ministers, Chaplains and Spiritual Carers get together at Watson Park for a day of leadership training on the new online Ministry Development (MD) Framework.



Over the past 4 years our South Queensland team has been piloting MD which helps our Ministry Leaders to lead themselves, their family and their ministry more effectively. Sponsored by the South Pacific Division and the Australian Union Conference, MD has now become an online portal for Ministry Leaders, where they will be able to gain insights into their strengths and challenge areas, and create a tailored growth plan for the coming year which includes learning through resources and peer mentors.

The Portal also features new leadership reports designed to help Ministry Leaders (Pastors, Chaplains, Spiritual Carers) and their local leadership teams bring the mission more clearly into view, and helping them engage more effectively in the direction, strategy and goals and discipleship processes at work in the local church.

ARTICLE BY RUSS WILLCOCKS

Ministers on Moreton



Following an intense day of training, our Ministerial team boarded the barge for Moreton Island for a 3 day retreat. The weather was perfect and the scenery breath-taking. The purpose of the trip was to spend time together in nature, worshipping and sharing, eating and laughing, exploring and enjoying this beautiful part of God's creation.

Each morning the team spent time in study of key parables in Luke 8 and John 15. Pr Brendan Pratt spent time with the team and made opportunity for important Q&A time which was highly valued by the team.

Mr Alex Sipala, one of our members from Coastlife Church, brought leadership lessons to life in the most idillic places, and evenings were rich with laughter, sharing and prayer.



The accommodation and transport were quite simple but the experience was unforgettable. We look forward to another year of Kingdom growth and blessing as a Ministerial team.

ARTICLE BY RUSS WILLCOCKS

CSD Team Meets with Leadership Teams



On Wed 10th April, Pr Russ Willcocks and Helen Threlfo spent time with local church leadership teams from the Bundaberg St Andrews, Hinkler and Gin Gin churches. The purpose of the trip was to spend time together, listen to local perspectives, and to share some of the recent developments at the Conference designed to help position the local church back at the front of the mission in South Queensland.

These include the formation of the Church Support and Development (CSD) team to better respond to the needs of local churches, using tithe-reversion to put more funds back into evangelism at the local church, and leadership tools to support church leadership teams evaluate their health, their plans and their discipleship processes.

ARTICLE BY RUSS WILLCOCKS,
CHURCH SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Helen Eager and Three Angels Nepal

On Sabbath 13th April 2019, Helen Eager from the Three Angels of Nepal demonstrated that a picture is worth a thousand words with her PowerPoint presentation during the divine service describing the many experiences in Nepal where thousands of innocent girls have been saved from the sex industry by the organization. Run mainly by SDA volunteers, the aim of the organization is to stop human trafficking altogether, as well as to ensure every child in Nepal, be given the chance of a good education and the opportunity to learn in a practical way the love of God.

Helen explained that Children's Homes were being established, where abandoned children, and those saved from the sex industry, are placed in homes with host parents to provide a Christian environment where the love of God is taught in a "family" atmosphere. Consequently, children grow up to develop self-esteem and to experience love from substitute "parents".

The organization also has a school, where about 600 children receive a good education. The school is so popular that there is a waiting list. It is a school where practical skills and Christian values are taught and experienced, and many students accept Christ and are baptized.

The multi-pronged ministry also includes programs on the radio station, which brings needed awareness of the sex trade, and prison



pointed out that many children finish up in prison with their mothers as a result of crime driven by poverty and lack of government welfare. Three Angel volunteers visit the prisons to bring basic supplies and much needed toys for the children. These visits also give an opportunity to show the love of God. In the Nepalese culture women have virtually no rights and even pregnant women have to do heavy manual work. Helen explained her desire to see women will be respected and develop self-esteem in their culture which is strongly Buddhist.

The Toowoomba Central Church has projects in place to help the work of the Three Angels in Nepal and the whole congregation is encouraged to give donations and to support the projects the women's ministry team has initiated.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY EDDIE CRAIG

Leading Together Conference

Church leaders and members from around South Queensland converged on Watson Park on the weekend of May 3-5, to talk about leadership in the local church. There were 135 attendees with a wonderful spirit and attitude to developing a positive and welcoming culture in the local churches, Moving Together, In Mission Together, Leading Together, and Growing Together.



The late withdrawal of an international guest speaker, combined with a shift in dates, did little to dampen the enthusiasm and positive spirit as God prevailed over the weekend. The newly appointed Church Support and Development (CSD) team stepped in and presented topics that are essential to the focus of the South Queensland Conference. Young Adults from Glenvale church led the worship time of singing and praise which set a positive and receptive mood for the moving of the Spirit.

Moving Together—Pr Brett Townend opened the weekend with a Friday night address called ‘Moving Together.’ He reflected how unity was a key theme in all of the Apostle Paul’s letters to the various New Testament churches: Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and the Thessalonians. “Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit,” he says to the Ephesians (Eph 4:13), and so the Conference has a Biblical mandate to make unity a high priority. Pr Townend identified the forces at work that tend to push us apart. They are threefold, he suggests: Cultural, Theological, and Generational.

The points of balance were highlighted as leaders were challenged by the juggling act in trying to hold various tensions in place while Moving Together in unity. Without unity our mission seems entirely daunting, but Paul’s challenge to the church in Philippi is timeless: “Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.” Christ put His own interests aside, and his condescension, death, resurrection and exaltation were the glorious results. To Move Together, members must likewise put selfish interest aside for the sake of the mission Christ calls us to.



In Mission Together—Greg Pratt, Director of the CSD team, spoke about Mission Together, and also conducted a workshop on generating witnessing opportunities and effective discipleship. Greg’s insights into sharing faith by developing relationships with neighbours, shop owners, and the various people God puts in our path each day, were inspiring and challenged our leaders to be open to the opportunities God presents us.

Leading Together—Russ Willcocks sermon challenged the attendees from the ‘parable of the soils’ and how Jesus views a multiplying harvest. His workshop with the leaders talked through the new Ministerial Development (MD) program that is being rolled out to enhance ministry and develop effective and engaged churches and ministers.



Growing Together—Alina van Rensburg lead everyone through the research around the Growing Young principles that will create a cultural shift which will be inclusive of all generations, with a focus on the generation we are losing from the church—the Young Adults. The world is changing rapidly, and we need to calibrate to reach a new generation of disciples who are committed and engaged in the life of the church.

Rick Meale shared his testimony of finding faith, and spoke of the challenges we have as a church in staying relevant to our younger generation. Being Christ centred and grace focused is essential, as both the Bible and Ellen White would encourage us to do.

ARTICLE BY BRETT TOWNEND,
PHOTOS BY CHARMAINE PATEL

Gold Coast Christian College Sets F1 in Schools on Fire



F1 in schools started in 2003 as a unique STEM based competition to engage students in real world learning. F1 in schools now has 17,000 schools participating across 44 countries and is the world's foremost student competition for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

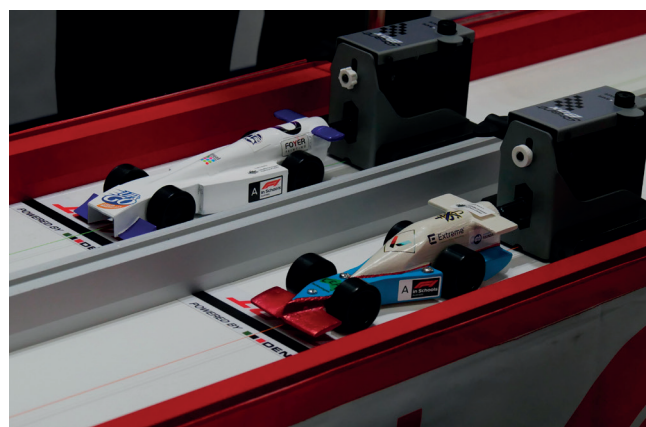


Each year students in the competition are competing to develop the world's fastest miniature F1 car. In Australia approximately 22,000 students per year embark on this challenge.

Mr Smith describes, "The Challenge is about much more than a car though. It involves students teaming up in groups of 3-6 students and developing a race team that follows a pathway of Project Management, Marketing, Designing, Engineering and Manufacturing to produce a scaled F1 car that can go from 0-80km an hour in potentially less than

a second. Students engage in 3D CAD/CAM Engineering design software as well as Business and Marketing software and techniques."

"The F1 challenge starts students on a significant journey to become proficient in engineering, designing, manufacturing, teamwork, innovation, entrepreneurialism, communication, presenting, business analysis, data analysis and marketing," says Mrs Lawson. "Skills that when combined together formulate a model for success as an F1 race team."



Mr Lawson goes on to explain, "Due to lack of Gold Coast schools participation, GCCC was included in the Brisbane South region for our regional competition. At this level GCCC competed against 6 other schools to take out first place in all three classes, Professional, Development and Cadet.

We then moved on to the state Championships held in Mackay in October of 2018. GCCC placed 3rd in Professional, First in development and 3rd in the Cadet class out of 50 competing teams. Our development class team 'Dark Matter', earned the right to compete at the national finals with 18 other development class teams due to placing first. Our professional class team 'Vivacity' were given a wild card entry through to the Nationals to compete against 18 other professional class teams due to the significant improvement in their work from regional finals to state finals."

As an invitee to the National finals held at the Bosch headquarters in March 2019, I was incredibly excited to watch Gold Coast Christian College's 'Dark Matter' team receive a podium finish placing 2nd overall in the Nation very narrowly being defeated by Blue Mountains Grammar. Dark Matter also received the 'best new talent' award and the 'fastest reaction time racing' award.

Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Limited
2019 Big Camp Annual Convention Application Form

20-28 September

"Watson Park" Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Road, Dakabin QLD 4503

APPLICANT DETAILS		Office Use Only
First Name:	Surname:	Date Received:
Street:	Suburb:	Tent
Post Code:	Home Phone:	Caravan
Mobile Phone:	E-Mail:	Private Tent
Church Membership at:	Current Church Attending:	Motel Unit
Car Registration 1:	Car Registration 2:	Ensuite Unit
Trailer Registration:	Caravan Registration:	Basic Unit

Tots'n'Toddlers Age 0-2 yrs	Preschool/Prep Age 3-5 yrs	Lower Primary Years 1,2, 3	Upper Primary Years 4,5,6	Junior High Years 7,8,9	Senior High Years 10,11,12	Young Adults 18+	Encounter	Senior
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.

NAME, AGE AND CONTACT PHONE OF EACH PERSON STAYING IN SITE AT CAMP		
Name:	Age:	Phone:
Name:	Age:	Phone:
Name:	Age:	Phone:
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South Queensland Conference is collecting this information to assist it with planning a successful and safe event for all attendees. To this end the information you provide will be shared with AdSAFE, the Child and Vulnerable Person Protection service for the Adventist Church who will assist the conference with the assessment of safety risks around a person's attendance.

INTER-CONFERENCE APPLICATIONS: Applications received from outside the South QLD Conference will not be processed until after 30 June 2019 and are subject to accommodation availability at that time.

APPLICATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION at our Annual Convention will only be accepted from persons over the age of 18 years who will be residing on site during this time.

WAITING LIST: If the accommodation you applied for at camp is already full, we will notify you and place your name on a waiting list or you may apply for an alternative type of accommodation if available.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 30 August 2019. Phone applications will NOT be accepted.

CANCELLATIONS must be made no later than **Wednesday, 4 September 2019**, otherwise payment will be forfeited.

CARAVANS should **not** be brought on site prior to **Sunday, 15 September 2019** or left on site after **Sunday 29 September 2019** without the approval of the Watson Park Convention Centre manager.

UNITS are allocated on a needs basis as applications are received, and **must be occupied by applicant** for the duration of camp, not just weekends.

CAMP SITES may not be occupied by campers until Thursday, 19 September 2019 as the camp ground is considered a work area until this time. Northpine Christian College is also still in operation until this time. If campers are found to be occupying sites before this date they will be asked to leave.

REGISTRATION OFFICE is open:

Sunday 15/9/19:	8:00am - 5:00pm	Caravans and Private Tents
	12:00 noon - 5:00pm	Conference Tents
Monday 16/9/19 - Wednesday 18/9/19:	9:00am - 4:00pm	All sites
Thursday 19/9/19 - Friday 20/9/19:	8:00am - 8:00pm	All sites. <u>Unit Registration from 8:00am</u>

UNITS - PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR UNITS ARE ASSESSED ON A NEEDS (medical, disability) BASIS PRIOR TO BEING ACCEPTED.

	Ensuite Unit	No. of persons/unit (max 6): _____	\$340.00 per person =	\$
	Basic Unit	No. of persons/unit (max 4): _____	\$275.00 per person =	\$
	Unit cleaning bond \$70 (refundable). <u>Amount must be included with payment</u>			\$
No.	No. of keys required @ \$20 per key (refundable) <u>Amount must be included with payment</u> (max 2 keys/unit)			\$

TENTS

No.	Conference owned tent (unpowered - light only)			\$220.00ea	\$
No.	Privately owned tent (unpowered)	(1) Site beside pool	Yes No	\$170.00ea	\$
	Size of tent: _____	(2) Bush site	Yes No		
		(3) Site behind Beginners Hall	Yes No		

CARAVANS

No.	Caravan site (powered)	Size of caravan/camper trailer:	\$290.00ea	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Hire Van Name of Caravan Hiring Co: _____ Phone: _____				

FURNITURE HIRE

No.	Beds (Single)*	\$15.00ea	\$
No.	Mattresses (Single)*	\$13.00ea	\$
No.	Chairs	\$10.00ea	\$
No.	Metal Crosspiece	\$10.00ea	\$
FYI	*Single beds and mattresses are limited. If able, please supply own furniture.		
		TOTAL	\$

I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST - Ensuite unit: Basic unit: because **(please state medical need/disability)**

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I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST -Tent site Caravan site:

Next to: **(limit of 4 sites per group request)**

..... **SITE REQUESTS** will be considered, but **not guaranteed**.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: (Please tick) ☐ Credit Card ☐ Cheque ☐ Money Order ☐ Cash

Cheques made payable to: Seventh-day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd

TOTAL AMOUNT \$.....

CREDIT CARD DETAILS: (Please tick) ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Debit Card

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Card Holder's Name (print):

Card Expiry Date (Mth / Yr): Authorised Signature:

POST TO: Camp 2019, South Queensland Administration & Resourcing Centre, PO Box 577, Spring Hill QLD 4004
EMAIL: sqannualconvention@adventist.org.au (as attachment)

TOTS & TODDLERS

0~2 Years



2019

BIG

CAMP

PRESCHOOL

3~5 Years/Prep

LOWER PRIMARY

Grades 1~3

UPPER PRIMARY

Grades 4~6

JUNIOR HIGH

Grades 7~9

SENIOR HIGH

Grades 10~12

Registrations - 27 May to 6 September

UNDER 18 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

www.sqchildren.org.au/actipass

Please note the activities available for purchase for each division.
All participants under 18 must be registered in order to purchase activities. All registered participants will be issued with a wristband.

Note: Prices for activities purchased at camp incur an additional 10% surcharge.

2019 BIG CAMP

TOTS & TODDLERS

\$2 Participant Registration
\$2 Playgroup
Morning Worship; Afternoon Playgroup
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

PRESCHOOL

\$2 Participant Registration
\$10 Weekly Activities
Morning & Afternoon Worship/Activities
CHILDREN WILL BE SIGNED IN/OUT FOR EACH PROGRAM

LOWER PRIMARY

\$2 Participant Registration + Full Week: \$68
Afternoon Activities

Sunday: Street Science Show \$10

Tuesday: Wild Rangers Wildlife Show \$10

Thursday: Outdoor Inflatable Fun: \$15

Morning Activities: Weekly Pass \$8 3 Day Pass: \$3

Monday: Crafty Fun \$15

Wednesday: Indoor Games \$10

Sun/Mon/Tue: Swimming

Day Pass: \$1.00

UPPER PRIMARY

\$2 Participant Registration + Full Week: \$181

Saturday: Upper Primary Got Talent

Monday: Morayfield Aquatic Centre \$20

Wednesday: Laser Tag \$22

Saturday: Movie Night

Themed Dinner \$20

Sun-Wed, Fri: Morning Activities \$15 (all days), \$3 per day

Sunday: Nerf Fun \$20

Tuesday: Ten Pin Bowling \$24

Thursday: Wet n Wild \$60

JUNIOR HIGH

\$2 Participant Registration + Full Week: \$194

Saturday: Sports Night

Tuesday: Wet n Wild \$60

Thursday: Bli Bli Aquatic Centre \$45

Sunday: Ice Skating \$24

Wednesday: Bowling/Rock Climbing \$24

Monday: Bowling/Rock Climbing \$24

Festival Dinner \$17

Friday: StormCo Service Project

SENIOR HIGH

\$2 Participant Registration + Full Week: \$195

Saturday: Movie Night

Tuesday: Indoor Sports \$24

Thursday: Beach Day \$33

Sunday: Ten Pin Bowling \$24

Wednesday: Ice Skating \$24

Monday: Wet n Wild \$60

Masquerade Dinner \$30

Friday: Sports Day NCC

***Some divisions may have T-Shirts available to order – these will only be available to order online at the below website!**

HOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPANT WRISTBAND

1. Register your child/ren as participants (online preferred) at www.sgchildren.org.au/actipass
2. Purchase activities online when registering your child (by 6 September) or purchase at the camp office prior to 12pm the day before the activity (your child must be registered as a participant to do this).
3. Collect your child's wristband (actipass) from:
 - a. Sunday 15th Sept, Thursday 19th Sept & Friday 20th Sept: Camp Registration Office
 - b. Sunday 22nd September onwards: Camp Administration Office

20th – 28th September 2019

BIG CAMP UNDER 18 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM



ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE PREFERRED: WWW.SQCHILDREN.ORG.AU/ACTIPASS

If making use of this paper form, please complete and return to PO Box 577 Spring Hill QLD 4004 or sqactipass@adventist.org.au
Applications Close 6 September 2019

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

PARTICIPANT ONE:							
First Name:*			Surname:*			Division Selection*	
Activity Selection: <i>Refer left for details</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participant Registration		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Week of Activities (select this option OR activities below)				TOTAL AMOUNT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra	
Does the participant have any medical conditions:*				Does the participant have any dietary requirements:*			
Yes No				Yes No			
If you have answered yes to any of the questions above, please provide further information:							
Are there any custody orders in place we should be aware of:*		If your child has a current custody order in place, please attach a copy of the order, a photo of your child and any further information we should be aware of. This will be handled by the Division Leader and direct staff working with your child. A photo ID must be presented upon picking up your child. Please note: All information will be kept strictly confidential.					
Yes No							
PARTICIPANT TWO:							
First Name:*			Surname:*			Division Selection*	
Activity Selection: <i>Refer left for details</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participant Registration		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Week of Activities (select this option OR activities below)				TOTAL AMOUNT \$
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Yes No							
PARTICIPANT THREE:							
First Name:*			Surname:*			Division Selection*	
Activity Selection: <i>Refer left for details</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participant Registration		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Week of Activities (select this option OR activities below)				TOTAL AMOUNT \$
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Yes No							
PAYMENT DETAILS*							
Total Amount Payable:						\$	
Participant plus activity selections as made above.							
Payment Options (please tick the selected option):		<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque/Money Order**		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash		<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (below)	
Card Number:						Expiry:	
Name of Card Holder (please print):				Authorised Signature:			

**Cheques should be made payable to: Seventh-day Adventist Church (Sth QLD Conference) Ltd

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BIG CAMP UNDER 18 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM



CONSENT & AGREEMENTS

Photo Consent

We will be taking photos at and during the various programs for record and promotional purposes including but not limited to: the Focus; newsletters; video/slideshow presentations; Administration & Resourcing Centre and Departmental websites; social media; and brochures/fliers.

- ☐ You may take appropriate photos of my child for the above uses.
- ☐ Please do not photograph my child. I will provide a passport style photo of my child for identification purposes. I understand that without this photo you are unable to ensure you are not taking or using photos of my child.

Activity Exemption

In attending the program you consent for your participant to take part in a range of general sporting and recreational activities. If specific risk-oriented activities are included the program director will inform you of these.

Are there any specific activities that you do not wish the participant to participate in? Yes | No

If so, please specify:

Activity Consent

I am aware in agreeing to my child's participation in this program that certain elements of the program could be physically and emotionally demanding. Furthermore I understand that certain inherent risks and dangers exist in the activities in which my child will be participating. I acknowledge that while the organisation and its leaders will make every reasonable effort to minimise exposure to known risks, all hazards and dangers associated with these activities cannot be foreseen or may be beyond the control of the organisation, its leaders and staff. In the event of any emergency where my nominated contact people are unavailable:

- I authorise the leaders to obtain medical advice and/or assistance which they deem necessary;
- I further authorise qualified practitioners to administer anaesthetic if required;
- I accept all operations, blood transfusion and/or anaesthetic risks involved in the event that such procedures are deemed necessary;
- I accept the responsibility for payment and agree to pay the medical, transport and any other related expenses;
- I confirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct;
- I agree to inform the leader of any changes to these details.

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print):*	Signature of Parent/Guardian:*	Date:*
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Contact Phone Number:*	Email Address:*
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Address:*

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (PRIMARY – On Site)

Name (if same as Parent/Guardian in red write "as above"):	Mobile Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Staying on Site <input type="checkbox"/> Day Visitor
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Relationship to the Participant/s:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (SECONDARY)

Name (if same as Parent/Guardian in red write "as above"):	Mobile Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Staying on Site <input type="checkbox"/> Day Visitor <input type="checkbox"/> Not at Camp
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Relationship to the Participant/s:

SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE ANNUAL CONVENTION TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR CIGARETTES

Alcohol, cigarettes and illicit drugs ARE NOT PERMITTED on the grounds and consumption or use of these materials will constitute reason for removal of offenders from the grounds. This campground is a drug-free and smoke-free zone.

2. CHILD SAFETY

Parents are reminded that their responsibility for their children does not cease when they come to camp. While every care is taken, and there are activities for children, camp is not a child minding facility. The conference does not take responsibility for the care of children during camp. Their absolute safety cannot be guaranteed.

The ultimate responsibility for the care of children always remains with parents or guardians.

Please ensure that the conduct of your children and young people is adequately supervised throughout the camp period, and that your children are fully under your control between meetings.

3. NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Northpine Christian College and its environs are strictly out of bounds, except for those attending meetings or workshops.

4. LAKE AREA

The area around the dam at the back of the property, apart from the walking track, is out of bounds for campers. We would ask that parents take the responsibility of advising their children to stay away from the area of open water, which could pose a danger to young campers.

5. PRIVATE BUSINESS

Camp is not to be used to further personal business activities. Campers are asked not to distribute, sell or canvass anything that has not been authorised by the SQLD Conference administration or the camp superintendent.

6. DRESS

Dress should be appropriate for a public Christian convention. Smart casual is appropriate for most occasions

7. MOBILE PHONES

Out of courtesy for others and to save interrupting the meeting and causing a distraction, all mobile phones should be turned off during the meetings. Please do not leave mobile phones unattended in public places for charging as the SQLD Conference cannot be held responsible if they go missing

8. BALL GAMES

All ball games are to be played on the oval. Please do not throw anything at tents, caravans, buildings, people, plants etc

9. BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND OTHER MODES OF TRANSPORT

Camp is pedestrian territory. For the safety of campers no bicycles, motorbikes, mini-bikes, rollerblades, scooters, skateboards or other such modes of transport will be permitted to be ridden on the campground during camp. THIS IS A SAFETY REQUIREMENT.

10. ANIMALS

In the interests of camp hygiene, no animals are permitted on the campground. Your cooperation with this guideline is appreciated.

11. GAS BOTTLES

All gas bottles used by campers must be current and stamped. Out of date bottles should not be brought on site as they pose a SAFETY RISK.

12. ELECTRIC POWER CORDS

Power cords used to connect a caravan to the electricity supply MUST be in a safe condition and tagged by a licensed electrician.

13. SPEED LIMIT

Within the campgrounds the speed limit is 10 km per hour. This is essentially walking pace. This limit will be strictly enforced.

14. FURNITURE SHED

SHED 1 will be open until 8.00pm Friday to collect pre-ordered mattresses and cross pieces. All other furniture you have requested will be placed in your tent or annex.

15. GATES

The Old Gympie Road entrance gates will be locked at 10 pm to provide further security. Entrance to the grounds after 10 pm and before 6 am is through the front gate only. If you need to leave before 6 am, you will need to make arrangements the night before with Security or Superintendents. This can be done through the camp office.

16. SECURITY

Security will be maintained on the grounds 24 hours a day. At night, patrols will give added security. Even with the security officers in place, we cannot guarantee the safety of valuables left unattended in your tents. Campers are advised not to leave valuables unsecured in their tents, vans or units. While every care is taken, camp administration cannot be responsible for the loss of valuables from tents, caravans, units or cars. It is expected that campers will respect the security patrols and comply with their instructions.

17. NOISE

Camp does not officially start until Friday. Construction, rehearsals and sound checks will occur in the days before camp. Remember rehearsals without people in the venues means noise will travel further than when venues are full. Please be aware that if you are staying on site from Thursday it can be expected that there will be extra noise.

18. CAMP CURFEW

There is a camp curfew for all campers at 11.00pm. This means that there will be a quiet down period from 10.00pm and all campers should be in their elected accommodation site with lights off and no noise by 11.00pm. If people are roaming the grounds after this time they will be asked by security to return to their accommodation. If they refuse to comply, it will be considered grounds for removal from the property. Parents/Carers are expected to see that young people adhere to this rule. REMEMBER tent walls are thin, so loud talking after 10.00pm is disturbing to neighbours. Courtesy and respect for others requires your cooperation with the curfew.

19. CAR PARKING

ALL CARS must be parked in the car park. No cars will be allowed to park permanently, or drive regularly, in the tent or caravan areas. THIS IS A SAFETY REQUIREMENT.

Vehicles will only be allowed in accommodation areas to load and unload or, in the case of camp work vehicle, with specific permission from camp administration. On the last Sabbath of camp NO access will be allowed to the camping areas until after the close of Sabbath. Security in the car parking areas will be maintained 24 hours a day.

20. DISABLED PARKING

Cars displaying Government issued Disabled Parking Permits will be allowed to park within the campground in the designated areas. However, if you do not require your vehicle for transport, please park in the main car park.

SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE ANNUAL CONVENTION TERMS & CONDITIONS:

I have read and understood the South Queensland Conference Annual Convention Terms & Conditions as outlined and agree to abide by all the conditions listed for the duration of the Annual Convention. I understand that if I, or any member of my party, do not respect and abide by these guidelines, then I/we may be asked to leave the grounds. I further agree to accept full responsibility for any children that may be under my care at any time during the time period of the Annual Convention.

Signed*: (Applicant)

***Must be signed or the application will not be accepted**

ANNUAL CONVENTION ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION

ONLINE Application & Payment Option

CAMP ACCOMMODATION: We are happy to advise that Camp Applications are able to be completed online from Monday 27 May, 2019. Access on the SQLD Conference/BIG CAMP home page (<http://sq.adventist.org.au>)

Regular paper applications can still be completed and submitted as in past years.

Furniture Orders

Furniture can only be ordered and paid for at the time of applying for an accommodation site via the camp application forms (*paper and online applications*).

This means that furniture will not be available separately for hire, exchange or refund once applications have been processed, nor will such be available for hire, exchange or refund at registration or during the actual camp program

ActiPass

Applications for ActiPass used for activities can be accessed online separately on the SQLD Conference/BIG CAMP homepage. (<http://sq.adventist.org.au>)

For those that may be new to our Conference and may not be familiar with this system, below is a list of commonly asked questions and answers that provide additional information regarding this online application system.

Q: How do I access this on-line application system for Camp Accommodation?

A: The online application can be accessed through our SQLD Conference web site (<http://sq.adventist.org.au>) under the BIG CAMP menu.

Q: How do I access the online application system for under 18s Activities?

A: This totally separate online application can also be accessed through our SQLD Conference web site (<http://sq.adventist.org.au>) under the BIG CAMP menu.

Q: When will this online application system be available?

A: The link will be open to accept applications from 9am on Monday, **27 May 2019**.

Q: Can applications be accepted from members outside of the South Queensland Conference?

A: Yes this can happen. However, as in the case with paper applications, such will only be eligible for processing and allocation after **30 June 2019**, assuming there are still accommodation options available. This allows South Queensland members the full month of June to apply for Camp accommodation.

Q: Who can use the online application system?

A: The online application system is open to all, except for Conference employees who have accepted work responsibilities as part of the Camp program. These employees should still use the regular paper form and post or email to the Conference office as soon as possible. Please remember that there are no automatic allocations of accommodation sites, therefore anyone needing accommodation must submit an application as soon as possible.

Q: Are there any added costs as a result of using the online application system?

A: There are no additional costs incurred by using this online method. In fact, there is a \$10 discount for those applying online. Normal credit card and bank charges apply.

Q: What options are available for payment via the online application system?

A: Payment can be made using credit cards (VISA or MasterCard) or by direct bank transfer.

Q: Can I complete an online application without full payment at that time?

A: No. In the same way that the regular paper applications cannot be processed without full payment being included, the online process will not accept applications without full payment.

Q: How secure is the online system if I am paying using my credit card or providing my bank details?

A: Very. We have partnered with Westpac in the development of this facility. By doing so, we are able to access the latest in online payment security.

Q: How will I know my online application has been received?

A: Once your online application has been completed and submitted, the system allows you to print a receipt with full details for your records. You will also receive an automatic email acknowledgement once your application and payment have been processed.

Q: How are allocations made for accommodation sites?

A: Accommodation allocations are made based on the date of receipt of the application to our office. The only exception to this is for ensuited units where medical/disability needs are also considered, together with the date received, when making these allocations.

Q: Will priority be given to online applications when making accommodation allocations?

A: No. Applications, whether by mail or online will still be accepted and processed based on the date received until all accommodation is fully allocated. The only difference is that applications made online will be received by the Conference on the next available business day, whereas applications by mail may be delayed in reaching our office.

Q: How many accommodation sites can be applied for with an online application?

A: Only ONE (1) accommodation site per online application can be processed. If you require more than one site, a separate online application will be required for each site required.

Q: Can I make an application just for furniture only using the online system?

A: No. Only applications that include an accommodation site can be accepted. Furniture must therefore be ordered at the same time as your accommodation site.

Q: How will I know if accommodation is still available for Big Camp?

A: The online application has been designed in such a way that if the particular accommodation type you are seeking has been fully allocated, a warning message will appear during the application process. You can then choose to proceed with your choice and be placed on a waiting list, or change your choice for another available accommodation type.

If you have any queries, please contact our office and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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'Vivacity' team placed 7th overall in the professional class teams in a very competitive category with some very established F1 Challenge Schools.

The results for Gold Coast Christian College were outstanding and has inspired 5 newly established race teams within the college walls seeking to emulate the success of their 2019 F1 in schools STEM Challenge National finalists, Dark Matter and Vivacity.

Student Comments

Dark Matter Racing (1st Queensland, 3rd Australia—Development Class)

Sanjay Sabu—Year 9 (Started their F1 in schools journey in year 8)

"I learnt that what it was like being in a real business and the hardships that come with it."

Richard (Ricky) Van Oeveren—Year 10

Throughout the F1 in Schools Challenge program, I have learnt how to meet critical deadlines and manage my time efficiently. I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their generous contributions towards our teams.

Ali Savage—Year 10

"I love the places the F1 program has taken me to and the people it has allowed me to meet"

Caed Lawson—Year 9

"Throughout the journey of this challenge I have learnt that you need to be precise when doing your work. This has been taught through the regulations for the cars design being 60 pages long. Failing to comply results in points loss, time penalty or disqualification."

Vivacity (3rd Queensland, 7th Australia—Professional Class)

Taine Stevens—Year 10 (Started their F1 in schools journey in year 9)

"I had never watched a F1 race I didn't know what uplift and downforce were, I didn't know how to minimize drag and I didn't know how to use 3D modelling software, but through this F1 in schools experience it has taught me all of these attributes"

Leigh Velic—Year 10

"While competing in F1 In Schools, you have to be very precise and articulate with everything. Whether that be: setting up the trade booth, designing a car, manufacturing a car, creating portfolio's, online social media platforms, etc. This high attention to detail has tremendously helped my critiquing skills and my final evaluations."



Amelia Pegler—Year 10

"As the Marketing Manager of Vivacity racing, I have learnt how to talk with and promote sponsors on a professional level through social media."

Justin Renfrew—Year 11

"I gained many real world skills in effective communication, enjoying collaboration with sponsors and conversing with several professional's including: Todd Saunders (Executive General Manager of Up and Go) and Gavin Smith (President of Bosch Australia). But most of all I have found the journey is more important than the finished product."

ARTICLE BY COLIN RENFREW

LANDSBOROUGH

VEGETARIAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION



Community members recently attended a vegetarian cooking demonstration hosted by the Landsborough Church. Dr Percy Harrold was the guest speaker who spoke about type 2 diabetes as a lifestyle disease and how it can be often be managed by simply choosing a healthy diet.

The presentation was followed by cooking demonstrations using plant-based foods and natural ingredients. The attendees were then treated to a tasting of the featured recipes. "Our cooking demonstrations are an excellent way of making friends with members of the community and inviting them to future church programs," says Joanne Oakland (Health Team Leader).

PHOTOS BY CHARLES RUSSELL

SOUTH BRISBANE

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN LIFE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

On 30th March 2019, Gold Coast Central Church celebrated their 10th anniversary in the Life Development Centre building in Nerang.

The theme for the worship and thanksgiving service was, "We drink from wells we did not dig." The church celebrated God's faithfulness, and recognised those founding members who caught the vision all those years ago to sell the existing church, relocate



and build a facility that would cater for families. As a result of their hard work and ongoing commitment to the vision, Gold Coast Central has doubled in size and continues to grow.

The speakers for the celebration service were three previous pastors, Peter Stojanovic, Casey Wolverton and Sean Berkeley, who spoke words of encouragement and affirmation over the congregation and highlighted God's faithfulness across the years. It was a truly intergenerational program with young and old participating across the service.

The celebration service was also an opportunity to remind those who embarked on the journey ten years ago of how God honoured their leap of faith. There were plenty of opportunities to reminisce throughout the program with photos and videos on display, as well as a chance to chat with old friends over a fellowship lunch.

When the church moved into the building ten years ago, there were just a handful of children. Prayer warriors prayed that God would send children and young families to their church and God well and truly answered that prayer. The church now offers a range of activities for families and young people including Pathfinders, Adventurers, Café Connect for young adults, a junior drama group and a pre-school music program. Under the leadership of our present pastoral team, Mike and Karen Collum and Graeme and Daniella May, the church continues to grow and thrive.

Gold Coast Central celebrated the past, but now the focus is firmly on the future.

The church has a vision to reach 1% of the Gold Coast for Jesus by 2030. Due to current growth, Gold Coast Central has run out of space for its children's divisions, so another building program has been launched with plans already well underway for the next stage of development.

The 10th anniversary celebration was a chance to remember how God has led in the past and to dream for a bigger future.

ARTICLE BY BRIDGET GUNN

THEIR LOSS OUR GAIN



On Sabbath March 2nd South Brisbane church welcomed Pr. Gideon Okesene and his delightful family, who have moved from Kingaroy Church as the new Pastor who will be caring for us for the next few years. His message was titled, 'Bethesda—a New meaning,' and was about waiting on God and having hope in Him, even when we haven't had our prayers answered, or when the going is tough."

ARTICLE BY SHIRLEY GLOVER
PHOTO BY GIDEON OKESENE

LOGAN RESERVE

SIBLINGS COMMIT THEIR LIVES TO GOD



On March 30, Logan Reserve Church celebrated a high Sabbath with 3 young people—siblings Johnny, Jaazaniah and Joyce Mene dedicating their lives to God through Baptism.

They all started bible studies in early 2018 along with a group of Pathfinders and Johnny admitted that at first, he wasn't keen to attend at all. But through each study, he became more and more interested and as he learnt of the love that his Saviour has for him, he developed a personal relationship with God. Jaaz shared that through accepting Jesus as his personal Saviour, he wants to make a stand for Him and be a disciple for Christ.



The youngest of the siblings, Joyce shared her enthusiastic love for Jesus and her excitement to be baptised. She also shared her favourite verse—John 3:16 which reminds her that she is truly loved by Christ. It was a beautiful Sabbath to see all three commit their lives to God through baptism.

These baptisms were not the first from the group of Pathfinders that started their bible studies together—in October and December 2018, Leticia Sault and Mattia Howard also expressed their

love for Christ through baptism. It is wonderful to see the young people of our church making a commitment and a stand for Christ!

ARTICLE BY ELDJIE COJOCARU
PHOTOS BY ASHLEY ROACH

GOLD COAST CENTRAL BAPTISM



Shaye Meise visited our church in February 2018 after an invitation from a close friend. She was simply thinking that it might be nice to be part of a community of people. However, Shaye's journey of finding a community was the start of a journey to a relationship with Jesus. Daniella and Graeme May became part of her journey through intentional Bible studies and on April 13th, 2019, Graeme led Shaye into the waters of Baptism to confirm her walk with Jesus.

ARTICLE BY GRAEME MAY

NORTHPINE OSHCLUB WINS AWARD

On Friday 1 March, Northpine's outside hours care provider, Northpine OSHClub, was presented with the "Regional Service Excellence Award" for Brisbane North from the Junior Adventures Group of companies which they are a part of. They were nominated by Deb Tulloch, Regional Operations Manager.

State Operations Manager, Bruce Hudson, presented the award to Northpine OSHClub's Coordinator, Narelle Spiteri. Mr Hudson said that



the reason why Narelle and the team were chosen to receive the service excellence award is because of the "day to day interaction with the families, the day to day engagement with the school community. It's the love that goes into what the team does. I just want to say thank you to Narelle and the team. It makes it a pleasure working in this industry when you see the care and the passion that goes into running a service like this. It just brings an enormous sense of pride."

Narelle and the OSHClub team prepared an afternoon tea for the award presenters, as well as Graham Baird, Shane Blake and Jenelle Edser, Northpine's Principal, Primary Deputy Principal and Business Manager. Mr Baird was happy with how OSHClub has been running since they partnered with the school in 2018, saying that he was, "very pleased with the transition, and valued the intention and effort that Narelle and her team put into supporting the Northpine culture in their day to day operations."

ARTICLE BY ANDREW SCHNELL

STORMFORCE

Stormforce, Northpine's Primary Service Program, has started again for 2019 with students participating in 'Operation Freddo.' This service challenge was introduced by the Primary Student Chaplains and provided an opportunity for all primary students to create a card for an adult in our school or local community. As always, the Primary students were excited to participate and be part of a project that serves others.

Children made their cards during Chapel time on Thursday March 14,



putting their learning about God's love into action by sharing a positive message with others. A Freddo Frog was attached to each card, which were given to a range of adults in the community, including high school staff, parents, administration and learning support staff, the maintenance team and members of our local community. Cards were also made specifically for adults attending Refresh church on Saturday to tie in with the conclusion of the high school Week of Worship program.

This small act of service has been appreciated by many, and is a great reminder that serving others can occur in many different ways. Northpine staff are continually impressed and inspired by the enthusiasm and willingness of the students to serve and share Jesus with others, and encourage them to continue doing so in all aspects of their lives.

ARTICLE BY ANDREW SCHNELL

PRIMARY WEEK OF WORSHIP



February 25—March 1 was the Northpine annual Primary Week of Worship. It was an awesome week filled with activities, songs, stories and God's love poured out.

Each day the guest speaker Julie Catton (who happens to be Mr Thrippleton's daughter) gave students a glimpse of the 'God of the Universe'.

There were two crazy characters, Squeak the Cleaner and Natasha the Astrophysicist who kept everyone entertained with their antics of trying to launch into space to see the God of the universe and what He does for His children.

The students were given collector cards with the summary of the message and a memory text for the day. These cards serve as a reminder of how awesome the God of the universe really is and how He wants to be a part of our lives.



On the last days of WOW students were challenged to step out in faith and take the next step in getting to know the God of the Universe. The response from the students to this was incredible!! This has really inspired the primary school, and they are super excited to see the students of Northpine grow their own personal relationships with God, as well as supporting each other through this journey.

A massive thank-you is sent to all the students and staff who volunteered their time to make Week of Worship amazing!

ARTICLE BY ANDREW SCHNELL

MIDDLE & SENIOR WEEK OF WORSHIP

On the 11th to the 15th of March, Northpine held their Annual Middle & Senior Week of Worship (WOW). This year's theme was 'Remote Control,' which delved into some confronting conversations about the aspects of our lives that influence character, emotions and decisions, leading to the question 'what really controls us?'



Orrani Fatnowna, who took time out of her studies, was the key speaker during the week. Orrani shared many helpful strategies and advice on how to create and build a relationship with God and covered the topics of lust, anger, opinions and negativity. She explained how all of these aspects influence the person that you are and how you act.

A fun element of the program—which happened every day—was the inclusion of "The World's Greatest TV Game Show", named 'Where's The Remote?', which starred the renowned co-hosts, Matt Underfoot and Rick Liner, played by Chaplain Simon Hutton and Year 10 student Cooper Redman. Each day, a new episode was performed with different games, which featured 'volunteers' (who were chosen by a random generator) from each grade, who were then required to compete against each other, earning point towards their year level. Congratulations go to Year 11, the overall winners of the game show competition, who were rewarded with a pancake lunch!



According to the students, one of the most inspiring parts of the Week of Worship was the music! WOW is blessed to have so many talented and hardworking musicians who dedicated their time to making the worship meaningful and inspiring.

During WOW, students were challenged to step out in faith and take the next step in developing their relationship with Jesus. The response to this was incredible! Nearly 200 students declared that they want to continue to grow their relationship with God. Over 70 of these students signed up for Bible Studies and not only that—over 50 students took a true leap of faith by wanting to learn more about baptism.



This has really inspired the spiritual leaders of Northpine, who are super excited to see the students of Northpine grow in their spiritual journeys throughout the year. A MASSIVE thank you to all the students and speakers who volunteered their time to making Week of Worship amazing! We really appreciate your involvement and passion to serve others and cannot wait for all the exciting things to happen in the coming terms!

ARTICLE BY CHELSEA & SAM (PREFECTS)

NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

SPARK, SURGE, AND SALT

This year our chaplaincy team decided to try something new with our school Chapel program and split our Secondary and Primary chapels into three programs: SPARK, SURGE and SALT.

The reason we have decided to do this is to improve the spiritual culture of our school and aim to cater to specific age groups, build small pockets of community within each group, provide more leadership opportunities and create a more inclusive and engaging format. Now a little information on each group:



SPARK (Prep–Grade 4)

Spark is focused on introducing kids to God through stories and fun activities. Learning about God is fun and we know He loves us and allows us to learn to love others.

SURGE (Grade 5–8)

Surge is focused on developing a relationship with God by learning more and deciding to follow God through the years of rapid transition. This includes focusing on spiritual and relational development.

SALT (Grade 9–12)

Salt is focused on developing students into leaders who want to make a commitment to walk with God and make a difference in the world with God, by using their own “flavour”. This includes loving God and loving others.

Our College and our chaplaincy team are excited for this new chapter in our school, helping our students to continue to grow in their spiritual journeys with Christ. And our College parents are more than welcome to attend each Chapel session.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY DALE BERGMAN

GLENVALE

NEW ART PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOLERS

In May, Glenvale church will become the first venue in Queensland to host Happy Hands Art Time. This is an Award-winning art program for children ages 1 to 5, which inspires and

encourages creativity, and will run one morning a week during school terms.

Carolyn Schmitz, the founder and mentor of the program, began Happy Hands at Nunawading Adventist church in Victoria, supported by dedicated volunteers. She recently visited Glenvale to explain how the program works, and told of its ongoing success in Adventist churches and schools. Prayer support undergirds Happy Hands.



Happy Hands Art Time is specifically designed for Seventh-day Adventist Churches to use as a ministry to connect with local families of the community. Happy Hands compliments existing ministries of any Adventist church, such as Adventurers, Pathfinders, sharing our health message, and Adventist schools.

If other churches would like to use Happy Hands, it is a ‘fully supported ministry resource’, no craft planning or brainstorming required.

To learn more about the program, feel free to contact Carolyn via email at carolin@happyhandsart.com.au

ARTICLE BY GEOFF FRAUENFELDER.

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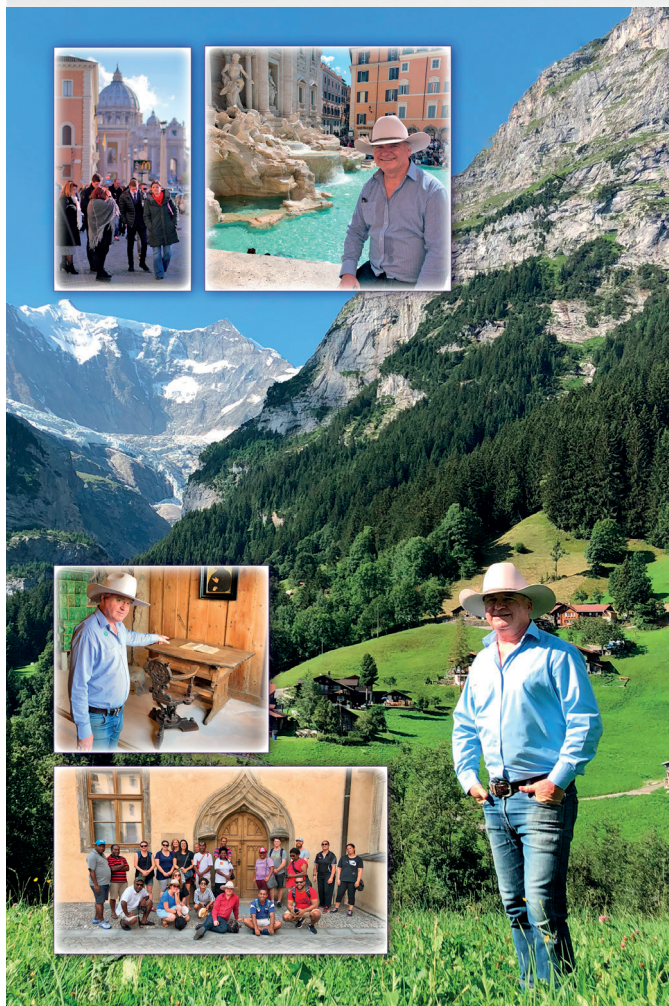
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Guest Speaker Pr James Toogood
Theme By Grace through Faith
The Big ? Can a sinner get to heaven?
Key text Ephesians 2:8-9

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TRUST SERVICES ASSISTANCE

Our SQLD conference Administration have invited Pr Ian Royce, Director of Trust Services for the Australian Union Conference, to visit on occasions and assist with Trust Services on a temporary basis.

This will be an opportunity for you to have a Will prepared, free of charge and without obligation. Trust Services has been operating in Queensland for the last 40 years and is a credible service available to our church members. All of the Wills prepared are treated confidentially, and vetted by the legal advisors for the SPD, McMahon Fearnley Lawyers Pty Ltd.

Pr Royce will be visiting Brisbane and will be available for appointments at the following times:

Sunday 2nd June: Toowoomba Central Church

Tuesday 4th-Fri 7th June: Conference Office

Sunday 9th June: Brisbane Central Church

If you would like to have a Will prepared it is essential to make an appointment:

Please contact Pr Royce by either:
0405 536 465 or IanRoyce@adventist.org.au

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