



HSC STUDY CAMP 2017

25th September - 1st October

Well, it's that time of year when HSC study is wearing thin and you need a break - but you need to keep on studying... Young Life's HSC Study Camp offers you both! We're sure it will be an excellent week of quality study for you and your peers. Without a doubt, you will enjoy the great food, a break from your home routines AND the chance to consider some of life's bigger questions (yes, life after the HSC!).

This letter will hopefully answer all of your questions about Study Camp!

This is a camp for HSC students who want to achieve their potential and establish effective study patterns, which they can continue after camp to prep thoroughly for the HSC. Tutors are specially chosen for their experience in preparing students for the exams. They will be running joint and individual tutoring sessions throughout the week.

There is a minimum 4-hours compulsory study every day, plus optional extra study time. There are compulsory activities to help students unwind and connect with other people, and these are complemented by healthy and varied meals prepared on-site.

How you will spend your days

Each day there 2x2hour study blocks. These are compulsory. These study times will be supervised and tutors will be available. During the allocated study times, study is your only option. Each day there are 'compulsory' activities for you to join in as well as allocated free time. If you wish to do extra study in the free time, the study area will be kept quiet for you. (Many students who have attended camp in the past have found the four hours to be sufficient and have felt really encouraged by the work they got through on camp.) The compulsory activities will include trips to the beach, volleyball and other relaxing activities on and off site.

Evening talks

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian organisation. As part of the evening activities, campers will interact with leaders and have the opportunity to investigate life's big questions. All campers will have time and opportunity to hear, consider and discuss the Christian message.

Cost and Registration

The full cost is \$450 for 6 nights / 7 days, which includes:

- 4 or more hours of supervised study each day
- Daily tutoring sessions by subject experts along with private sessions that you can

schedule

- All food including catering for special dietary requirements – you can note special requirements on the registration website
- All activities
- The choice of extra study time in addition to the scheduled 4 hours per day
- Transport from Armidale to Scott's Head and back

Registration and payment is online at the website: www.younglife.org.au/studycamp/

Note: Full payment for camp is due by the 18th September, but please register ASAP as spaces are limited!

The Campsite

We'll be spending the week at Scott's Head Christian Youth Centre. (<http://naxx62.wix.com/christianyouthcentre>). Scotts Head is one hour north of Port Macquarie. The Centre is located next to the beach and surrounded by peaceful bush land. Accommodation will be in cabins with 8-10 campers per room and 1-2 leaders in each room. Each cabin has its own en-suite bathroom facilities.

Departure and Arrivals

Please eat lunch before you come, or bring it with you. We will be leaving Armidale on Monday 25th September at 1pm from The Young Life Australia College and Community Centre, 35 Kirkwood Street Armidale (next to O'Connor Catholic College). Please arrive around 12.30pm with gear ready to go so that we can pack the mini buses and make a prompt departure. You are welcome to bring snacks for the trip. Under no circumstances can year 12 students with their P plates drive themselves and their peers to or from camp. All campers will be transported by fully licensed drivers at all times to and from camp and associated activities. We will arrive back to the same place on Sunday 2nd October at approximately 5pm.

What to Bring:

- 6 days' worth of clothes (please note there are limited washing facilities on camp)
- Travel Calm if you so desire as the road is windy en route
- Some warm clothes - it can be cool in the evenings
- Beach gear; swimmers, towel, hat, sunglasses (these come in handy during study sometimes too)
- Sun-cream
- One set of old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty
- Shoes you can take in a river
- One nice set of clothes for a fancy dinner
- Hat
- Spending money
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- A bed sheet
- Toiletries
- Torch with spare batteries
- Raincoat or umbrella

- Insect repellent (highly recommended)
- Towel (in addition to beach towel)
- A card table or similar (chairs provided) – so you can have your own study station for the week!
- A chair pillow for extra comfort during study
- Your HSC books and study gear in a sturdy bag or box. Make sure you come well prepared. Print off your notes and the syllabus in advance as the internet access at the camp site can be patchy.
- Chargers for any electronic devices you need during study.

Electronic Devices

Young Life desires to create a safe, friendly and positive atmosphere at camp. This is the best environment for study. We have found in the past that some electronic devices cause students to be less focused during their week at camp. For this reason we limit the use of mobile phones, laptops and mp3 players etc.

- Laptops are allowed for study purposes. They will be kept with books and other study gear in the study area at all times so as to reduce possible distractions. Limited secure facilities, please limit your device load!
- MP3 music players - We understand that some students prefer to listen to music while studying but we ask that personal music is not used during other activities on camp. If you wish to listen to music while studying, please bring earphones.

PLEASE NOTE: Alcohol and drugs (including cigarettes) are not permitted by Young Life or by the campsite director. Simply do NOT bring any such items. Please list any prescription medications and dietary requirements when you register.

Contact:

- If you have any questions before camp, don't hesitate to contact Sophie Pullar on 0432 513 425 or studycamp@younglife.org.au
- While on camp please contact Camp Director Samantha Brennan on 0428 380 943

It's going to be a great week!

Kind Regards



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