



SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS & MINISTRY LAUNCH

Dear friends,

In January we held our annual Summer Camp. We are so thankful for the way God moved among the young people, leaders and volunteers who gathered together this summer.

This year, 48 campers were welcomed into a week set apart, supported by an incredible team of 117 volunteers and staff along with their families, who gave their time, energy and hearts to make camp possible.

Camp continues to be a unique and powerful space. It is a place where young people step away from everyday distractions, are welcomed as they are, and experience genuine connection, adventure and conversations that truly matter.



A week full of life

From early mornings to late-night cabin conversations, camp was full of energy, laughter and shared experiences. Young people challenged themselves through high-adventure activities like water tubing, sailing, bushwalking and team challenges. Many discovered new confidence as they tried things they never thought they could do.

Alongside the fun, friendships were formed quickly. Leaders listened deeply, trust grew day by day, and cabins became places of belonging.

I loved doing the water tubing but more than that, I loved meeting new people and making friends - Camper

Space for reflection

Each evening, as the pace slowed, campers were invited into honest conversations about life, purpose and hope. Through engaging talks and small group discussions, young people had the opportunity to ask big questions and explore these in a safe and welcoming environment.

Another camper reflected,
“I really liked listening to the talk. My highlight was definitely cabin time and getting to know all of the other campers.”

For some, this was the first time they had ever experienced camp, and a sense of belonging that felt personal and real.





The heart of our leaders

Our volunteers and staff played a vital role in shaping the week. They showed up consistently, shared life with young people, and modelled care, patience and joy.

As one leader put it,

“I loved how the campers grew so much from the start to the end of camp. At the start, they were apprehensive and reserved but grew to be confident and happy. I felt that the leaders made that happen by genuinely loving and caring for each camper.”

Their presence turned activities into moments of connection and conversations into opportunities for lasting impact.



Made possible by you

Summer Camp is never something we do alone. It is made possible through the generosity, prayer and commitment of our wider Young Life community.

To our volunteers and staff, thank you for serving so wholeheartedly. To our donors and supporters, thank you for helping make camp accessible for young people who may not otherwise have had the chance to attend. Your support opened the door for a week that many will remember as the time of their life.

We're looking forward to next year already!

As we step into the year ahead, we carry with us the stories, relationships and momentum from camp. We are excited to see how God continues to work in the lives of these young people and through our ongoing ministry across Australia.

Thank you for being part of this with us.



Launching the year ahead

As we move from the mountaintop moments of Summer Camp into the rhythm of everyday ministry, we do so with a clear conviction at the heart of Young Life.

Young Life is for every kid.

In the year ahead, our Local Areas across Australia are seeking to build on the momentum of camp by kickstarting new ministry opportunities where young people already are. In schools, in local communities, and in the everyday spaces of young people's lives.

This means opening doors to new Clubs, forming Campaigner groups, and creating fresh opportunities to partner with schools and communities so that more young people feel known, valued and welcomed.

At its core, this is about relationships. Leaders learning names, listening to stories, showing up consistently, and earning the right to speak into young people's lives. It is about meeting young people where they are, no matter their background or circumstances, and inviting them into a community of belonging, fun and faith.

For some young people, this year will mean walking into a Young Life Club for the very first time. For others, it will be taking a next step through deeper conversations, mentoring, or a Campaigner group where faith is explored more intentionally. For all of them, it is an opportunity to experience the care of adults who genuinely show up.

We are excited about what lies ahead. New programs, new partnerships, and new possibilities to reach young people who are still waiting to be invited.

Thank you for standing with us as we launch into another year of ministry. Your prayers, encouragement and support help make it possible for Young Life to continue saying yes to every kid, everywhere we are called to serve.







Join us in prayer

We would like to invite you to pray with us for this ministry. Prayer comes first before all we do. Join us at the start of each month.

Join up here:

Pray for YL:
forms.office.com/r/EST2Zrzpud

Gap Year - July Intake

If you or someone you know is ready for a year that will grow your faith and change lives, our mid-year intake is open.

Live out your faith through adventure, community, and mission. Chat with us today!

Learn more and apply at:
younglife.org.au/gapyear



Easter Cash Raffle

This Easter, we invite you to be part of making new opportunities come to fruition through our Easter Cash Raffle.

Every ticket purchased helps us reach more young people with connection, purpose and hope.

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VOLUNTEER

There are many ways you can make a difference in young people's lives.



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