

FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM AMONG BOYS AND THE PROMOTION OF HABITS OF OBEEDIENCE, REVERENCE, DISCIPLINE, SELF-RESPECT AND ALL THAT TENDS TOWARDS A TRUE CHRISTIAN MANLINESS.



WELCOME TO BOYS' BRIGADE



We're excited that you're here!



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WHAT IS BOYS' BRIGADE?

The Boys' Brigade, or BB for short, exists for only one reason, to share the good news of Jesus Christ with Boys and to disciple them to live for Him.

We think this is important because we believe, as Hebrews 6:19 says, that the hope of eternal life that we have in Jesus is the anchor of our soul. This is why our emblem is an anchor.

We disciple Boys by challenging them in all aspects of their lives, which we summarise into four areas:

SPIRITUAL | PHYSICAL | EDUCATIONAL | SOCIAL

Each Boys' Brigade company meets once a week during term time and takes part in other activities such as camps and hikes on some weekends.

Your local BB company is a part of a church (or other Christian organisation) and is run by a group of leaders. These leaders are dedicated to serving your son and helping him to get the most out of his time in BB.

The reason BB exists can be summarised in our object:



"For the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, discipline, reverence, self respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."

WHAT HAPPENS ON A BB NIGHT?

Each Boys' Brigade company operates slightly differently, but most follow a similar structure to this.

OPENING PARADE

A formal beginning to the night, where the roll is taken and we pray to open our evening.

SQUAD TIME

The high school aged Boys split into small groups for discussion and team building activities.

DRILL

This helps with team-work, discipline and physical bearing as well as being a great leadership opportunity for older Boys.

SKILLS CLASS

The Boys are taught a skill that will help them in life, this could be something like car maintenance, wood working, public speaking or video editing.

GAMES / PHYSICAL

Boys are challenged physically in games or with physical exercises.

DEVOTIONS

Time spent learning from the Bible together.

HOW DOES BB BENEFIT BOYS?

There are many benefits for Boys, but here are some of the main ones:

1. Holistic Discipleship

We aim to help Boys to follow Jesus with their whole lives as we challenge them spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially.

2. Life Skills

At BB Boys learn skills that are useful for their lives such as woodwork, cooking and bike maintenance. We want BB to prepare our Boys for life.

3. Leadership Development

Through multiple leadership courses and mentoring opportunities, Boys are encouraged to develop leadership skills.

4. Lifelong Mates

Through the BB program Boys have the opportunity to form meaningful friendships, some of which can last a lifetime!



QUESTIONS?

Why do we do drill?

There is no other activity in most Boys lives where they get to develop such strong team work skills. Drill is also useful for developing personal discipline and physical bearing. It is also a great leadership development tool.

Why do we wear uniforms?

In a world obsessed with individualism, our uniform allows us to establish a group identity that is part of something much bigger than ourselves. It is also useful for teaching responsibility and establishing a formal atmosphere for our important work.

What happens outside of a Tuesday night?

Outside of a Tuesday night there are opportunities for Boys to attend events like hikes, camps, leadership courses and community service days. These are often done with Boys from other companies.

Can a non-Christian family join?

Absolutely! There is no requirement for Boys to attend a church in order to be at BB, we would love to have your family at our BB company! They will take part in all parts of our program alongside Boys who do attend church.

If you have other questions, don't be afraid to ask your company captain, or email us at westernregion@bbvic.com.au

HOW DO I JOIN BB?

So you've seen BB and decided your son would benefit, exciting! Joining BB is a simple process.

Step 1: give your captain your email address

Or if you don't have his contact details, email us at westernregion@bbvic.com.au

Step 2: register on Brigades Online

You'll receive an email asking you to register online, this is where we'll collect personal and medical information which we need in order to look after your Boys properly.

Step 3: Ordering Uniform

BB uniform can easily be ordered through our online shop. www.bbashop.brigadeaustralia.org

All done! Your captain will contact you if there is any more information required. If you have any questions, please contact your company or us at westernregion@bbvic.com.au



**AND THIS IS ETERNAL
LIFE, THAT THEY KNOW
YOU, THE ONLY TRUE
GOD, AND JESUS
CHRIST WHOM YOU
HAVE SENT.**

JOHN 17:3

