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# Camp for **Student Leadership**

The Camp for Student Leadership is a new partnership initiative between Scripture Union of WA (SU) and WA Christian Schools, offering an intense residential education experience for year nine students. The camp curriculum focuses on leadership development and spiritual growth.

## **Where**

Students will live, work, and learn in a very close environment at Camp Geographe with up to 48 of their peers. Camp Geographe is a 5-acre outdoor learning centre set on the beachfront of the beautiful Geographe Bay and opposite the Locke Nature Reserve, which is predominantly bush and wetlands, with tracks and trails throughout. This location is the perfect venue for students to participate in a range of fun, challenging and engaging learning activities that are both water and land based. The Camp for Student Leadership will utilise 8 cabins, accommodating up to 6 students in each, with separate sleeping and showering facilities for male and female.

## **What**

The staff at SU are intentional about creating a community that is a positive environment of engagement, encouragement and acceptance. Within the support of a safe community students will participate in workshops, experiential learning activities, and community living on camp as development tools for character and leadership development. We are committed to seeing students explore the meaning of the activities in which they participate and transfer lessons learned into their lives in practical ways. There is a great deal of independence offered to the students, and they are responsible for helping maintain the campsite, organising rosters, for doing various jobs around the camp and generally controlling the nature of their camp and place of learning. Great friendships are made, tolerance is learned and teamwork is created.

## **Who**

The Camp for Student Leadership is a partnership between SU and WA Christian Schools, and it has an important role to play in the life of the Christian School Community. Schools will express interest in the program first, choosing the 5-day experience during term 2, and/or the 12-day experience during term 3. If successful in being allocated a place, schools will then select one or two teams of year 9 students from their school community.

## **Curriculum**

In designing the camp for student leadership curriculum we have aimed to select life lessons which are real, relevant, enjoyable and engaging. Our unique program at the Camp for Student Leadership will engage the students in activities which allow them to explore and learn about life's big questions; origin, meaning, morality, destiny and identity. Students will be fully supported by mentors as they are exposed to a range of experiential learning opportunities that will inspire and empower them to grow in character and effect positive change in their school and community.

## Application Process

1. Download the Expression of Interest Form of the SU website – 2019
2. Find the liaison teacher(s) at your school. It can be more than one and often is better if this is so. They are going to be the key to the team's success and the individual student's preparation, separation and reintegration from the program
3. Liaison teacher to complete an Expression of Interest Form and Send it to the SU School Camping Coordinator, [mike.bezant@suwa.org.au](mailto:mike.bezant@suwa.org.au) by the end of Term 1 2019.
4. The Liaison Teacher and Principal need to sign the Expression of Interest form.
5. Schools can express interest in both 2019 programs and as many teams as they wish!
6. Once schools have been allocated a place on a program, your booking for camp is confirmed when we receive an \$800 deposit. This is a non-refundable booking deposit in the event of a cancellation.
7. The school then selects a team of 6 students and attains appropriate medical information and parental consent for each participating student.

## School Commitment

The Camp for Student Leadership is a partnership between SU and WA Christian Schools, and as such it is critical that the school commits to this partnership in the following ways:

- The school will designate a liaison staff member(s) who are the key to supporting participating students in preparation for the camp and in the re-integration process upon their return from camp back into their school community.
- The liaison teacher is not required to attend the camp.
- Ensure that adequate information is presented to participating families in preparation for camp, and appropriate medical information and parental consent is received.
- Ensure payment for each team participating in the camp. Arrangements can be made by the school to on-charge the cost of camp to families, fundraise, or directly cover all camp costs.
- 5-day Camp for Student Leadership is \$500 / student
- 12-day Camp for Student Leadership is \$1000 / student

## Important Dates

- **Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 2019** – Expressions of Interest Close on the last day of Term 1.
- **Term 2** - Community Information evening for the 5-day Camp for Student Leadership conducted for participating schools and families during week 1 of term 2.
- **May 13<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> 2019** – Camp for Student Leadership (5-day experience – week 3, term 2)
- **Term 3** - Community Information evening for the 12-day Camp for Student Leadership conducted for participating schools and families during week 1 of term 3.
- **Sep 9<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> 2019** – Camp for Student Leadership (12-day experience – week 8 and 9, term 3)

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