



A LETTER FROM DRASTIC CAMP DIRECTORS – PETER SARGENT, BRIANNA SARGENT AND TINA PHILLIPS

Dear parent,

We invite you to consider sending your teenagers to Drastic Camp during the October school holidays this year, and we encourage you to invite other teenagers in your community to what could be a line-in-the-sand week in their discovery of Jesus. Here's a bit about camp to help you get familiar with what it's all about!

About Drastic

Drastic Camp is a camp for students in Years 7-12. Our focus is to provide a safe space for teenagers to come together from different youth groups and schools to form new connections and friendships and to help them explore who Jesus is while growing in faith and confidence. Young people at camp experience all-in sessions with games, music and worship, and messages. They work together in fun tribal activities, face challenging and exhilarating outdoor experiences, and journey through the week in supportive small groups. Our heart is for young people on camp to feel seen, heard and known. This week is an opportunity for young people from all different backgrounds, no matter where they are in their faith journey, to come together for an exciting, adventure-filled week of fun, faith and connection.

THIS YEAR: G.R.I.T. – GET READY IN TRUST

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” — John 16:33

We are so excited to be exploring what it means to have Godly GRIT - Trusting in Christ, day-in and day-out, no matter what! We will be looking at how Jesus showed us the ultimate example of Godly GRIT and how we can replicate this. Our heart is to help young people understand why it is important to cultivate GRIT. To lead them to develop a firmness of character so that they can live their lives the way that God planned for them to live: filled with and strengthened by His love, hope, peace and joy.

A DAY AT DRASTIC CAMP

We start each day with breakfast, and then head into our first session of the day, which includes tribal wars – activities that involve teamwork and competition to earn points for your tribe, a time of worship – where we praise through live music, listen to a speaker share an engaging message about faith and following Jesus, followed up with a time of small groups – where we unpack these ideas together with our peers.

We then have some lunch together, followed by a range of outdoor activities and challenges such as tribal games (fun team challenges), Tops experiences (the giant swing, ropes challenges, archery or go-karting to name a few), or workshops (facilitated spaces that campers can choose from on a range of topics about faith). The day usually finishes with some directed free time, followed by dinner. After dinner we head into another indoor session followed by some after dark activities (spaces campers can choose from to wind down, have some fun, and connect with peers, such as a board game room, after-dark sport, or a space to keep worshipping God).

ACCOMODATION

Campers stay in 6-person ensuite rooms with bunk beds. We try to accommodate campers to stay with their friends and peers, however rooming with someone new is a wonderful opportunity to develop new friendships. We share all meals in the dining room, and morning and afternoon tea snacks are provided.

STUDY CAMP

Study Camp allows Year 12 students studying towards their HSC to engage in aspects of camp while providing a dedicated, quiet, leader-run space to focus on studies and prepare for exams. Study Camp students will engage in all-in sessions, but have allocated study time throughout the day. Study Camp students will have a program drafted which includes study test times and self-guided time to work on their subject materials.

WHO RUNS DRASTIC?

Drastic Camp involves a leadership team of volunteers from youth ministries across a number of churches in NSW. The leadership of this event is facilitated by churches of Christ in NSW & ACT in partnership with The Tops Conference Centre. We come together for this week each year to work as the Body of Christ to provide a memorable and safe experience for young people. All team volunteers complete safety training before camp and come with a pastor's reference and working with children checks.

OUR STORY

For over 20 years and through many generations of leaders and volunteers, Drastic Camp has consistently held a passion to see young people meet Jesus. We value that everyone comes to camp with different circumstances and are at different stages in their relationship with God. We seek to engage all campers from Years 7-12, no matter their background. Many of us in leadership are parents ourselves, and we see such value in camp for young people, including: building new relationships, having safe, out-of-your-comfort-zone experiences, building confidence and resilience, and developing a deeper relationship with God in a fun, safe and engaging environment.

If you have any questions at all, please reach out at hello@ccnswact.org.au and we'd love to chat with you. Spots are limited, so get in quick to register!

REGISTER: https://book.venue.life/tops/register/drastic-camp-24?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR17keiCU-hl8LROHuxeidqiihM_G0IFE7xHS57-RWRU39nWjThoi5ZZNYI_aem_rEpQf4bsvu3TNalBTCSorA

Kind regards,
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