



Guardians' Handbook

Dear Parents

We thank you for entrusting your young people into our hands as we work together in teaching, guiding and growing the youth of Bayside into the men and women that God has given them the potential to be. We are excited to be on this journey with you and fully understand our role in supporting your efforts in raising your youth “in the way that (they) should go” (Proverbs 22:6).

Within this handbook we hope to answer any questions that you may have regarding who we are and what we do. If you have any further questions, please talk to any of our leaders or the appropriate member of the Bayside Youth team as outlined in this handbook.

We look forward to partnering with you

Katelin Thorne
(Bayside Youth Ministry Leader)

Vision

Bayside Youth Vision Statement:

Seeing today's youth established in their faith and going out and touching lives with the love of Christ.

We will fulfill this by:

Knowing Jesus and Making Jesus Known Together.

Within this we want to see a positive change in the youth culture, where young people are touched by Jesus and transformed by Jesus, building relationships with each other, and telling their friends about Jesus.

“We want to Know Jesus and make Jesus Known.”

Know Jesus

Our whole youth program is shaped by the values that Jesus lived out. These values include love, forgiveness, encouragement, joy, inclusiveness, kindness, help, support, wisdom, and many more.

We want youth to get to know Jesus, who He was and what He taught, and develop a relationship with the living Jesus whom we know.

Make Jesus Known

It is our goal to make Jesus, and the love and hope that He brings, known to others. All others. We believe that we are called to do so, and that once we, as individuals, make the decision to follow Jesus and live out what he taught, we are to share Jesus with others.

Together

We are a community: everyone is a part of it and everyone is welcome to belong. We are created for community and to be in God's church family.

Life is not a journey that we do alone, but in community. We are passionate to see youth included into the family of Bayside Youth, where they can have love, support and guidance.

Who We Are & What We Do

Bayside Youth runs a weekly youth program on Friday nights at the Cheltenham Campus, as well as a leadership program for VCE aged students every fortnight on Friday afternoons at the Cheltenham Campus.

The Frankston Campus runs a fortnightly connect group for Years 7-12. Youth are also encouraged to attend the church services on the weekend. All programs run only during school terms.

Listed below are the programs and Bayside Youth Leaders.

Cheltenham Campus Youth

Friday night youth is all about creating a safe space for young people in Year 7-12 to have heaps of fun, and seek after God together.

Program: Our weekly program at Cheltenham rotates between the following nights:

‘EVENT NIGHT’: Beach party/ Southland Spies/ rock climbing/ Youth Alive etc.

‘CONNECT NIGHT’: A youth church service with message, praise + Worship, and discussion time in connect groups.

‘EPIC NIGHT’: Praise + Tribal Wars + Testimony (Story) time.

‘HANGS NIGHT’: A night of hanging out with your year level. This night varies as to what activities get done but they tend to include things like; a movie, games, food etc.

Leader: Katelin Thorne – kthorne@baysidechurch.com.au.

Emerge

Emerge is a leadership and deeper Bible study program for VCE students, in years 10, 11 and 12. The aim is to spend further time pressing into the Bible and learning about leadership to help equip the next up and coming leaders of this generation.

Program: In-depth studies such as; Leadership, Hot Topics, Bible studies etc.

Leader: Katelin Thorne - kthorne@baysidechurch.com.au.

Frankston Campus Youth

Friday evening youth is all about creating a safe space for young people in Year 6-12 to have heaps of fun, and seek after God together.

Program: Our weekly program at Frankston will include fun games, activities, worship time, and a bible study session which includes a short message or study followed by a group discussion and bonding space.

Leaders: Hannah Mcpherson- hfm95@optusnet.com.au & Jimmy Day – jday@baysidechurch.com.au

Our Policies

Please be aware of these procedures, and support us in them as we make a safe place for your youth.

Child Safety And Protection Commitment

Bayside Church is committed to providing a child safe environment by promoting and protecting the safety of children who access our services, programs and activities. Bayside Church has zero tolerance for child abuse of any nature and child safety and protection is a shared responsibility between Bayside Church, all employees, contractors, volunteers, partners and members. Any adult wishing to become a Bayside Youth Leader must first obtain a Working With Children's Check, two references and must successfully complete the online ChildSafe course.

Pastoral Care

It is the responsibility of all youth leaders to pastorally care for your youth. However, there are strict boundaries in place to ensure that this is done so in such a way that your youth remains safe and protected. When pastorally caring for youth, no leader is to ever take photos of the youth without parental consent, post photos of youth on social media without parental permission, or exchange and use personal contact details without parental permission. Your assistance in giving permission for this would be much appreciated.

Recruitment

All staff and leaders of children must have the prior approval of the Youth Pastor and have undergone a suitable screening and recruitment process including a Working with Children check, and references.

Permissions

(Please print & return these three following pages to Bayside Youth)

Photography

Bayside Youth requires permission to take and use photos of your youth for use in any promotions (promoting Youth events and programs) and in-house activities.

PHOTOGRAPHY PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian of _____,
age _____ years, do hereby grant permission for my child to have photos taken of him/her
for the use of advertisement, and in-house activities.

**You agree that Bayside Church, its staff and leaders, shall not be held liable for any issue arising from
and/or connected with this.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Youth

Date

Social Media

Bayside Youth requires permission to contact your youth using Facebook group conversations (with at least 1 other leader in the group conversation), and also text messages for information regarding youth events, and also as a means to pastorally care for your youth.

SOCIAL MEDIA PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP

I, _____, the Parent/Guardian _____,
age _____ years, do hereby grant permission for my child to be contacted by Bayside
Youth's leaders via Facebook group conversation, and text message.
My youth's mobile number is: _____

**You agree that Bayside Church, its staff and leaders, shall not be held liable for any issue arising from
and/or connected with this.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Youth

Date

**If you do not wish to give permission for this, please provide us with your email address and mobile
number:**

Email address: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Information

(Please print & return this page to Bayside Youth)

Child Information

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Name: _____ Surname: _____ DOB: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

Medical Information

Please indicated which medical condition your child may have:

No Medical Condition Asthma Allergies _____

Other _____

Ambulance Victoria Number _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Name: _____ Surname: _____ Relation to child: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile _____ Work: _____

Emergency Contact (If different to above)

Name: _____ Surname: _____ Relation to child: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile _____ Work: _____