



PROSPECTUS

BASECAMP TRAINEESHIP





BASECAMP IN MOUNTAINEERING TERMS IS A PLACE WHERE CLIMBERS SET UP A TEMPORARY COMMUNITY FOR SHELTER, PREPARATION AND PLANNING, EQUIPPING AND ACCLIMATISATION, AND THE START OF AN EXCITING ADVENTURE. IT IS A PLACE TO COME ALONGSIDE OTHER CLIMBERS AND ADVENTURERS WHO ARE EMBARKING ON A SIMILAR EXPEDITION. IT IS AT BASECAMP WHERE CLIMBERS ENGAGE THE SKILLS AND INSIGHTS OF OTHERS MORE EXPERIENCED IN WHAT IS AHEAD TO HELP GUIDE THEM SAFELY TO THE SUMMIT AND BACK.

Baptist Camping Victoria's BASECAMP has a similar purpose. It is a place designed for young people to come and establish a temporary community to develop and challenge them, and ultimately explore their God-given futures with other like minded people. It is a place of safety, of equipping and preparation, and definitely the start of an exciting adventure.

BASECAMP is a traineeship with BCV that has partnered with Box Hill Institute, the Baptist Union of Victoria and Whitley College (a college of the University of Divinity). Over the course of the year the trainees will work on camp with our team, as well as study and attain a Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership and participate in the EMERGE Leadership Course. Trainees have the option to do this course for accreditation, which will award them two diploma level Leadership Units, as well as complete another two units towards a Diploma of Theology - doing both options will award an Undergraduate Certificate. A second year traineeship will be available for those who show they have what it takes, where you will complete the rest of the units for the Diploma of Theology, and gain greater a responsibility at work.

The traineeship has been running since 2007 with many young people completing the program. Armed with a greater sense of self and gained qualification, these graduates have gone on to successful careers in outdoor recreation (some continuing on with BCV), education, youth work, social work, and full-time ministry roles in the Church.

"I WENT INTO THE TRAINEESHIP WANTING TO IMPROVE MY
LEADERSHIP SKILLS, BUILD MY CONFIDENCE AND GET
QUALIFICATIONS IN AN ENVIRONMENT I LOVE SO MUCH.
I SOON REALISED THAT...

GOD HAD SO MUCH MORE FOR ME TO LEARN

...THAN JUST HOW TO RUN AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY
SMOOTHLY."

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LOCATION

BAPTIST CAMPING VICTORIA HAS MULTIPLE CAMPSITES ACROSS THE STATE.

- Camp Wilkin (Anglesea)
- Burnside Camp (Anglesea)
- Mill Valley Ranch (Tynong North)
- Halls Gap Baptist Centre (Halls Gap)

The Traineeship is currently based at Camp Wilkin, with the potential of some being based at Mill Valley Ranch. Camp Wilkin sits on 15 acres in the middle of suburban Anglesea, and is a sanctuary to scores of Eastern Grey Kangaroos, which are always a highlight for campers and tourists alike.

Anglesea is an incredibly popular tourist destination that is situated on the Great Ocean Road. It is a town renowned for its surf breaks and patrolled swimming beaches, and is surrounded by beautiful bush land and the Coogoorah Park River System.

The world class Bells Beach is just down the road if you want a wave, the Twelve Apostles are easily accessible if you're looking for the ideal selfie location, and the hustle and bustle of Melbourne's city lane ways are less than an hour and a half away.



MINISTRY

AN ESSENTIAL PART OF BASECAMP IS MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP.

One on one discipleship and mentoring, daily prayer, bible reading, and devotions are all integral to growth during the traineeship. Trainees will be grounded throughout the year in their faith and identity in Christ, and will explore ways of implementing learning into how they live.

Over the year the trainees will optionally complete four units towards a Diploma in Theology through Whitley College, a college of the University of Divinity. Two of the subjects are delivered through the EMERGE Leadership course and two are flexible online units.

There are many opportunities for the trainees to get involved in ministry through local churches in the community, as well as through our alignment Ministry Camps where we partner with various ministries in the work they are doing. Our Ministry Camps and Roundups are often the highlight of the trainees year, and are a great opportunity to put the skills and knowledge they are learning into practice. Every year we have past trainees come back to volunteer at these camps, as it is a great way to live out their Christian walk by investing in the kids who attend, in a safe, fun, and supportive environment.

"I BEGAN THE YEAR LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES
THAT LAY AHEAD. ALTHOUGH I HAD IDEAS OF WHAT THIS
MIGHT LOOK LIKE, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT..."

GOD'S PROVISIONS WOULD SHAPE ME

...THE WAY THEY HAVE. I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE
OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN TO ME, STUDYING AND MAKING A
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS."

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OUTDOORS

BASECAMP INVOLVES GETTING TRAINED IN THE OUTDOORS.

Our campsites are packed with adventure based activities, and trainees will be trained and equipped to lead groups of all ages and abilities to reach their goals. Any day could involve a mix of mountain biking, high ropes, canoeing, bush walking, or a range of other programs and activities we facilitate.

Our camp programs are intentionally designed to achieve both personal development and team building outcomes. Trainees are equipped through their studies, off-site expeditions, as well as on-site training, to facilitate group activity sessions that enable all participants to achieve goals that often go beyond the obvious physical challenges.

As part of the program, our trainees will complete a Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership through Box Hill Institute, and study units such as Adventure Based Learning, Conduct and Supervise Challenge Ropes Course, Advanced Mountain Biking and Bush Walk Guiding.



LIFE SKILLS

A BIG PART OF BASECAMP IS LIVING AWAY FROM HOME, AND DEVELOPING LIFE SKILLS THAT WILL EQUIP YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE YEARS TO COME.

Our trainees will live onsite in a shared house set up exclusively for them. The house has its own living rooms, kitchen and bathrooms, and keeping them clean and tidy is their joint responsibility.

Many meals are provided by the camp as well as basic everyday essentials, but there will be times when trainees will need to prepare meals for themselves. Our chefs can assist them with recipe ideas and ingredients.

Trainees will be involved in general duties around the camp, with opportunities to work alongside the kitchen, property, and maintenance teams. The aim is to give each trainee the full picture of what is involved in Christian Camp Ministry, as well as insights into Baptist Camping Victoria as an organisation.

Trainees will be equipped with a full array of holistic skills, and when they complete their traineeship, will feel ready to handle anything that life throws at them. Life on camp is an experience like no other, and the skills and opportunities experienced are invaluable to the growing of a young adult.

"COMING TO WORK AND HAVING THE PLEASURE OF SHOWING
YOUNG PEOPLE A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS LIKE, AND SHOWING THEM THE SAME LOVE GOD
HAS FOR ME HAS BEEN SO REWARDING.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS AND MAKING THEM FEEL VALUED

... IN THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT I SEE THEM FOR HAS
MADE THIS TRAINEESHIP ALL THE MORE WORTH IT."

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PREREQUISITES

ALL BASECAMP APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE, OR BE IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

- Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or equivalent
- Working with Children Check
- Low Income Health Care Card
- Ambulance Cover
- Full or Probationary License (or Learner Permit with intent to acquire license)
- Owning a personal car is desirable

Successful applicants will need to profess a living faith, be regularly attending Church, and have a desire to deepen their faith. Even though we are a Baptist organisation, we do accept applications from all denominations.

Applicants should also have a real love for the outdoors, as they will be spending a lot of time in it. Each successful applicant will be comprehensively trained and assessed in onsite activities as well as through a number of off-site overnight trips.

The application process involves completing an Application Form which outlines the potential trainees' education and employment history, faith journey, and references. This is followed by a face to face interview with our Ministry Team.

FAQS

WHEN IS IT?

BASECAMP is a 11 month traineeship that runs from the middle of January until the middle of December each year.

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

All trainees live onsite in a share house set-up for them exclusively at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea, Victoria.

WILL I RECEIVE AN INCOME?

Yes! All BASECAMP trainees receive an income while completing the program. After taking out training, food and accommodation expenses, each trainee will walk away with money in their pocket each pay cycle.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Fill out the application form at baptistcamping.com.au/traineeship

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