

HYPE

night

Event Overview

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OVERVIEW

In 2022, His Grace Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB requested a review of youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Perth, involving several key stakeholders. This led to a new mandate for Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM), the official agency for Catholic youth in Perth. A new direction and focused approach were established for youth ministry in the archdiocese.

From this review a key issue was identified that our Church is struggling to connect with youth in Catholic schools, to engage them in our Church communities and Parishes. There is a real need to meet youth where they are at, to create social spaces for them to gather in, feel safe and belong. We aim to link youth in schools with vibrant communities where they can learn and openly express their faith, actively participate in Church activities, and have meaningful encounter with God.

***“Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout
for joy, all you upright in heart!”*** Psalm 32:11

PURPOSE

Hype Nights aim to foster a fun and social environment, where youth can feel at ease, build relationships, and gather in community. The event works to connect teens in high schools with their local youth group and wider Church community. This event provides an opportunity to collaborate and work with schools, parish youth groups, and youth communities, to outreach and evangelise to our young people in the mission of the Church. It offers an accessible, localised, high-impact event, igniting energy, facilitating recruitment, and fostering relationships with youth.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Hype Nights are a social event for youth between the ages of 12 and under 18 years. They are community-driven peak events, tailored to engage teenagers from nearby Catholic high schools and Parish youth groups. These events aim to unite students, fostering social connections and linking them with the Church. The event is run by Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM), in collaboration with Youth Group Leaders, Parish Priests, Schools, other agencies, and movements.

PROGRAM

Hype Nights will take place in various locations across the Archdiocese throughout the year, offering localised peak events for communities, such as the North, South, and East of the river. The event will run for 3 to 4 hours on a Friday or Saturday night, featuring different activities, run in a variety of spaces for youth to engage in. The atmosphere will be inclusive and welcoming to all attendees, while maintaining a standard of Catholic values at the event. Some potential activities could include.

- DJ & MC
- Sumo Suits
- Zorb Balls
- Photo Booth
- Water Slide
- Just Dance
- Dance Floor
- Air Hockey
- Live Music
- Flash Mob
- Arcade Games
- Limbo
- Ice Breaker Games
- Basketball Hoops
- Nerf War
- Bouncy Castle
- Silent Disco
- Face Painting
- Video Testimonials
- VR Headsets
- Fairy Floss
- Slushies
- Pop Corn
- Pizza
- Sausage on a Stick
- Hot Chips
- Sausage Sizzle
- Ice Creams
- Escape Room
- Table Tennis
- Chill Zone
- Foosball
- And much more...

FAITH FOCUS AREAS

Core focus areas for the delivery of this event include.



Evangelisation

To outreach and meet young people where they are at and provide a safe social space to build relationships with them. To reach teens who are in local high schools, who are often disconnected from the Church community and invite them to their local youth group. The event is presented in a non-threatening format with a subtle background presence of Church and Faith.



Pastoral Care

Hype Nights are an inclusive event for everyone. The Belonging Team will support those attending the event who have any special needs and there will be a place to go for those who need help.



Community Life

Hype Nights aim to introduce disconnected teens in high schools to their local youth group, providing a new experience of Church and what it means to belong to a faith community.



Leadership Development

The events team aims to work with the leadership teams of local youth groups to facilitate running of the event. This will provide new opportunities for collaboration between agencies, schools, and youth groups. Youth ministers can learn new skills and grow in their leadership capacity through the planning and running of the event.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

The event is run by CYM in collaboration with local youth group leaders, parish priests, schools, other agencies, and movements. A team of volunteers will also assist to run activities throughout the night and provide support to those attending.

FACILITIES

The event is hosted in a community, school, or parish hall. The venue must have a variety of spaces to run different activities including a large hall area that can hold 100-200 people, -18/18+ toilet facilities, kitchen, breakout rooms, registration area, parent pickup and drop off point with access to parking.

Some key considerations in choosing a suitable venue could include neutral ground for the schools and youth groups participating in the event. Noise and crowd restrictions for the venue. The number of supporting groups in the area and the ability to draw a crowd to connect with them. Access to facilities for activity suppliers (Food Trucks etc). A contained venue with limited entry points to control access and maintain duty of care.

FINANCE

The running cost for this event would be offset with presold ticket sales, sponsorship, donations, group fundraising and the CYM events budget. Ticket prices would be kept to minimum (\$10-\$20 per ticket), to ensure it is affordable for families. There is also potential on the night to sell merchandise and make additional income from food and beverage sales, although the aim is to run the event at break even and cover event costs. Additional income from the event would be used for running future events.

RECRUITMENT

Collaboration is essential in making the Hype Night a successful event. It involves Parishes, Schools and Agencies working together to facilitate connections, fostering engagement between high school teens, their local youth groups, and Church communities. Engaging volunteers who see the benefits of running these events for renewal of their communities is essential to their success.

IMPLEMENTATION

The event would be run by the CYM team in collaboration with key stakeholders. The event would seek support from volunteers who would help provide duty of care to ensure the safety of all participants. We also need to work with local parishes, schools, youth groups etc. to ensure they are engaged with the event and provide an opportunity to connect attendees with ongoing events. Consideration should be given for the opportunity of 24:7 School Ministry and YMT offer through their school outreach to connect with high school youth and invite them to this event.

CYM will engage key stakeholders in an identified area and work to build relationships with them to establish an events team to run the Hype Night in their location. The success of a Hype Night would involve the collaboration of all to ensure the outcomes of the event are successful.

OBJECTIVES

Hype Nights aim to achieve the following outcomes.

- Provide a low barrier, social space for teens to have fun, build relationship and belong.
- Connect youth in high schools who are often disengaged with Church, with their local youth group and wider Church community.
- Increase the number of youths attending their local youth group and in turn their engagement with the Church and their faith.
- Breakdown silos between local schools and parish youth groups, to build better relationships for the long-term renewal of our Church.