

Dear Parents,

We would like to introduce you to Christian Life Week 2024. If you weren't aware, Christian Life Week (CLW) is a five day live-in camp running from Monday to Friday during the June/July school holidays, and then repeated during the September/October holidays. CLW is a camp for anyone in Years 7 to 12 and it's held at Tandara Lutheran Camp in Halls Gap, located in The Grampians.

The aim of Christian Life Week is to provide an experience of Christian community within a safe environment with people of a similar age. This is an environment where teenagers can be themselves, have fun, explore faith & life issues, and discover what living a Christian life as a young person really means.

Every year, our CLW camps are designed around a theme that changes each year. Each theme is aimed to help facilitate discussions around issues that are very real to the campers, but in a safe Christian environment. Campers are placed into 'small groups' with other campers of a similar age, where leaders then guide them through a set of studies that have been written with close pastoral input, and with extensively researched material.

Throughout the week, we will spend some time reading the Bible and discussing in small groups. This year, we will be focusing on Knights of the Cross and looking at different areas of medieval adventures that explore faith in all its realmes, courage and how each of us can build our own courage, as well as passing this onto those around us and we look into chivalry in different ways in our lives, and what this might look like.

We hope that your children are ready to get deep into God's word, and enjoy some quality time with other young Christians.

Aside from small group study times, there are a variety of activities that we also run during the week. These activities are designed to encourage participation within a team. This provides an opportunity for the campers to meet new people, and to participate with one another in fun & comfortable surroundings.

Additionally, we provide 'quiet time' during the day where campers have a chance to be still, and individually reflect on God's word. This promotes devotional discipline, both for time at camp and for when they return home. We also have regular worship services in which we encourage campers to get involved. This may include reading, prayer, a dramatised skit or playing a musical instrument in a band.

A key focus of the camp is participating in a 'service activity' that allows the campers to help out in the surrounding community. In past years, campers have helped by planting new flora in some of the public places, weeding garden beds

and even helping out with recreating/updating local paths that had been affected by bushfires and floods. We also assist the Tandara management team in cleaning up the campsite and helping out with odd-jobs onsite. We encourage early registration to secure your child's spot on camp. Registrations are available online at

CLW Purple 2024: Monday 1st - Friday 5th July https://brushfire.com/lyv/christianlifeweekvictoria2023/570865

CLW Orange 2024: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th September <u>https://brushfire.com/lyv/christianlifeweekvictoria2023/570866</u> Registration QR codes can also be found at the bottom of this letter

The dates for CLW 2024 are as follows,

- CLW Purple: Monday 1st Friday 5th July
- CLW Orange: Monday 23rd Friday 27th September

The cost of attending CLW in 2024 has increased slightly from previous years. We also have first time camper and sibling discounts available for those children that meet this. We know that getting to camp may be a financial stretch for some people, if you need some financial assistance, we are able to help and can provide assistance where possible. If this is needed or you would like to know more, please reach out to our CLW Committee Coordinator Emilie-Rae Woodhead on 0428 461 809 or through our email clw.lvv@lca.org.au.

Every year, campers depart from their CLW experience refreshed and ready to return to their lives outside of camp equipped to face new challenges. Campers walk away excited about the new friends they have made, more knowledgeable about the topics discussed, strengthened in their faith, and have a deep longing to come back to camp in future years! Research and experience over the years shows the importance of peak experiences to a young person's continuing journey in their faith.

Should you, or anyone else you know, have any further questions about any aspects of Christian Life Week, feel free to check out our official Facebook Page (<u>facebook.com/lyv.christianlifeweek</u>) or email us at <u>clw.lyv@lca.org.au</u>

Yours in Christ, The 2024 Christian Life Week Committee.



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