Bryndwr Baptist Youth Group .... friends, values and life experiences

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To Parents/Caregivers

If you are reading this, it is because your son/daughter recently visited our youth group at Bryndwr Baptist. We thought we would send this to you, so that any questions you have may be answered by the contents of this newsletter.

BYG is a group of 25 teenagers ranging from Year 9 to Year 13 and we focus on having fun and exploring questions about life in a positive and safe environment. We have a team of leaders (10 in all at this stage), who help run the evenings, events and social occasions for the group.

Tell me about BYG's leaders. Our leaders are typically at university, have jobs or Year 13 at school, and range in age from 18 to 45!!! Warren and Rose Grieve (Senior Leaders) come at the upper end of that age range. Rose is a Locum co-ordinator (placing doctors in locum positions around Australasia) and Warren is an ICT Facilitator (teaching on the use of information technology) at Medbury Boys School.

So what are you about? Giving opportunity to youth to discuss issues that are relevant to them and to establish friendships with a range of friends and leaders who can be positive role models to them. Teenagers are in a period of life where they have a large range of new choices, influences and possibilities coming onto their lives, and we want to help them understand the basis of making good choices.

Why is this important? Warren and Rose both have teenagers, and one of the major decisions they made was to place their teenagers in places and with role models that will give them a positive spin on life. With a supportive peer group and great friends, teenagers can keep an upbeat focus on life and experience the, "good news".

What about keeping up with school exams, projects and homework? We encourage all our teenagers to do the best they can in their schoolwork. Part of life is learning to balance different areas of life to create a more rounded and mature attitude to life. If assignments are getting out of hand, sure miss a night and get the catch-up done, but we are positive you see the benefit of giving the teenagers a chance to have questions answered and to develop an upbeat framework by which to live life.

Communications... how do you keep in touch? Each week we text BYGr's with upcoming events and reminders, those without text we try to email or phone. On occasions we will send you an update to catch you up with what is happening.

We encourage parents/caregivers to ring us or talk with us about any concerns you have, so please feel free to contact us at any stage.

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