

## **TYC Weekend 2025 Church Leader Info Letter**

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Dear church leader,

Thanks for your involvement in TYC Weekend 2025! We look forward to joining with your youth ministry for a weekend of fun, and fellowship, built around the Word and worship.

The Tas Youth Convention is a part of the Vision 100 network, with a specific focus on youth ministry. We exist to serve & unite local churches and their youth leaders to grow youth in Christ. TYC is a platform through which youth ministries across Tassie can come together to do things at scale which might be impractical for our ministries individually, and through which we can be united and encouraged as a wider body of Christ.

TYC Weekend one big part of that: A weekend spent in God's word, worship, fun, and community with youth groups from across Tasmania.

If you've been to a few youth camps before but not to TYC, the dynamic of the weekend might be unfamiliar.

TYC seeks to serve & unite local church youth ministries. This means that we run the Weekend in a way which provides plenty of flexibility for church groups to adapt to their specific needs, and have quality time together. And we also create spaces where youth groups can mingle, get to know each other, and form friendship.

Because TYC brings together youth ministries from across several denominations and networks, we also need to manage the practicalities of organising ourselves in a way which allows for different risk management programs to operate alongside each other.

So the TYC Weekend runs like a combination of a friendly conference, and an up-beat youth camp. Main sessions are run by the TYC Weekend team, and some activities on Saturday afternoon. We also facilitate your registration for catering and onsite accommodation at Camp Clayton. Youth groups then have plenty of autonomy through everything else. You can choose to stay on or offsite, choose to join in with group games, and choose what you want to do outside of the main sessions.

Last year was a big one for TYC Weekend. We had outgrown our previous location, and made the move up to Camp Clayton. We thank God for an encouraging and uplifting weekend, and were encouraged that this move was the right one to make.

As with any big move, we had a few teething issues- particularly around catering, scheduling, and main session audio last year. We've heard your feedback on these areas and others, and have made a series of changes for TYC this year to make sure the weekend is a smooth and thoroughly positive experience for everyone. That has included bringing some new faces onto the team, and working with Camp Clayton on relevant points.

## **Speaker & Theme**

TYC Weekend 2025 will be focused on the theme of "Running the Race", from Hebrews 12. We'll be joined by Allen Au, senior pastor at Captivate Presbyterian Church in Sydney.

### *Speaker Bio:*

*Alan has never run a marathon in his life but he has seen how life can run us down. He's a pastor in Sydney where he loves teaching and training God's people to run the race of life. Whether you are hitting your stride, running uphill or running out of breath, Hebrews 12 will show us the great joy of running to Jesus, for Jesus and with Jesus.*

## **Program**

The outline for TYC weekend is available on our website and will be posted on our social media channels. Please note that, as was the case last year, TYC kicks off at 7pm on the Friday night, and ends before lunch on the Sunday. This means that if you include catering in your registration, it will cover Saturday breakfast through to Sunday morning tea.

The program is very similar to what it was for 2025. One key change is that we'll have a few hours of large group games on the Saturday afternoon, rather than leaving it completely up to church groups to run activities. Your church group isn't obliged to join the group games- use the Weekend as is best for your context! These are intended to give a space to let youth and leaders from different churches get to know one another, leaning further into the "unite" aspect of our purpose.

## **Pricing**

With thanks to Camp Clayton for negotiating a discount to their standard rate for us, our pricing for TYC this year is very similar to last year. The full ticket cost is slightly less than it was in 2024, however there is now one flat rate price for youth and for leaders.

Pricing is as follows:

**Full ticket**

Includes: Accommodation at Camp Clayton, catering Sat brekky to Sunday morning tea, and TYC ticket.

\$240

**Stay offsite + Catering**

Includes: Catering & TYC ticket. With this option, you arrange your own accommodation in the area around Camp Clayton.

\$170

**Ticket only**

Some light snacks included, and access to the full TYC program. No meals or accommodation included. With this option you organise your own accommodation and catering.

\$90

**Self-cater onsite**

Very limited spaces are available to self-cater while staying onsite. This is due to most accommodation areas not having a catering facility- only two areas have kitchen facilities, the larger of which has a standing reservation for a combined church group. We can make arrangements in the smaller block for those who need to self-cater for dietary reasons. Please contact us if you would like more information on this.

*Q: Can my church subsidise the cost of our youth or leaders?*

*A: Yes, you can. There are two ways to do this:*

- 1. You can arrange this yourself by gathering their details and their payment, then doing the actual TYC registration yourself and paying in full (make sure you have parent/guardian permissions),*
- 2. You can contact us at [info@tasyouthconvention.com](mailto:info@tasyouthconvention.com) to arrange discount code(s) specific to your group. For example, if you want to subsidise \$50 for your leaders, we can give you a code for \$50 discount. You will then be responsible for paying us \$50 directly for every person who uses that code.*

*Q: Can I send you a bulk spreadsheet of people coming from my church?*

*A: Unfortunately, no. Tickets must be purchased individually, with details of the person attending filled out.*

*Q: What is the refund policy?*

*A: Full refunds will be provided up to 30 days before the event, and these can be requested through the Humanitix registration page. After this time, there is no guaranteed refund- but we will be flexible with difficult circumstances (a simple change of mind will not receive a refund).*

*Q: Will there be bacon for breakfast?*

*A: Catering includes continental breakfasts, and hot main meals. We've again elected not to add the hot breakfast option this year, as this would add an extra \$19/pp. Feel free to make requests for the main meals! Camp Clayton have been very receptive to feedback from last year, and we expect delicious and plentiful food.*

## **Risk Assessment and Accommodation Plan**

One big challenge of bringing so many youth groups together for a weekend is working out the logistics of satisfying multiple different risk management systems, particularly in relation to accommodation.

For this reason, registration and accommodation will run as follows:

### *Registration:*

Attendees - both youth and leaders- are to be registered individually with TYC. This means we can consistently gather all relevant medical and dietary details. Those under 18 need to be registered by someone with the legal authority to do so, whether that be a parent/guardian or a youth leader who has been given authority by a parent/guardian.

We will provide your church contact with a complete copy of the registration data for your church group attendees.

### *Accommodation:*

You can choose to stay onsite at Camp Clayton, or arrange your own accommodation offsite. When you have any under 18's onsite, you must have at minimum 1 leader present for every 10 under 18's onsite.

Onsite accommodation will be grouped by risk management program. That is, all churches who use ChildSafe will be in an accommodation block, those who use

Breaking the Silence in another, and so on. Youth will be bunked separately to leaders, and males and females separately. Cabins will be assigned by the TYC Weekend team, with input from church leaders welcomed. We will endeavour to keep youth in cabins with their own church group, but - in communication with your church - it is likely some youth will share cabins with youth from other churches.

Unless you have a large number of leaders, it is almost certain that your leaders will share cabins with leaders from other churches.

For any requests around cabin allocations, email [info@tasyouthconvention.com](mailto:info@tasyouthconvention.com)

#### *Behaviour:*

As part of the registration process, all attendees are required to acknowledge their agreement to a basic code of conduct. There are two codes of conduct. One is for youth, which covers basic behavioural expectations. The second is for leaders, and covers basic child safety expectations which would already be included in your child safety training.

All behavioural issues will be referred to your church group for action. In cases of significant misbehaviour, or misconduct by leaders, the TYC Weekend team may require the removal of a person from site. This would also be managed in communication with your church leader.

#### *Risk Assessment and responsibilities.*

For this year's TYC Weekend, we as an organising committee are taking on a greater level of responsibility for risk assessment and management than in previous years. In years gone past, TYC only ran the main sessions- everything else was up to individual church groups. With running TYC at Camp Clayton, there are more areas that we are responsible for. But you as a local church have primary responsibility for the safety of the children in your care for the majority of the weekend.

We recognise that past communication around risk assessment and liability could have been clearer. So this year, we have created our draft risk assessment very early, and have provided it to you to help you complete your own risk assessment. It is available in the church leaders resource area on our website, along with a copy of Camp Clayton's risk assessment: <https://www.tasyouthconvention.com/events/tyc-weekend>

In summary, here is the breakdown of responsibility:

Camp Clayton is responsible for:

- Managing all risks related to site infrastructure and maintenance.
- Managing all risks related to onsite catering.
- Managing all risks related to campsite staff.

The TYC Weekend team is responsible for:

- Taking registration details, and passing medical/dietary information to Camp Clayton and to church groups.
- Managing risks associated with hosting main sessions
- Managing risks associated with the Saturday afternoon group games
- Ensuring TYC Weekend team members are suitably trained and vetted, and hold WWVP cards.
- Alongside Camp Clayton, ensuring that the TYC site is a safe and responsibly managed area.

Church groups are responsible for:

- Safely transporting your group to and from Camp Clayton
- Supervising your youth for all parts of the weekend except during activities we are running (main sessions, and group games on Saturday afternoon).
- Managing medical needs, including medication, for your church group. This means that your church group should include at least one person with first aid training.
- Ensuring all youth leaders are suitably trained and vetted, and hold WWVP cards.
- All risks associated with leaving the site. **Please note:** The beach adjacent to Camp Clayton is public land, and is not part of the TYC site. You can take your youth group there, as you can take them anywhere else offsite as you see fit. But you should risk assess this and set clear rules with your group about where and when they can go offsite. The only exception to this is a morning prayer group at the beach, which we will risk assess as an activity.

### **What we need from you**

There's a lot of info here! You might be wondering what you need to do now. Here's the summary:

1) **Nominate a key contact from your church.** This should be a person authorised by your church leadership to handle sensitive personal information about your attendees, and to take responsibility for your whole church group at TYC weekend, including the management of behavioural matters.

2) **Provide us with an estimate of your attendance.** It will be really helpful for us to know how many people you expect to bring along. Please include whether you intend to stay on or off site, and whether you intend to use the onsite catering.

3) **Tell us what risk management platform you use.** Knowing whether you use ChildSafe, Breaking the Silence, etc. will help us to ensure that the parts of the weekend we organise will align with your requirements.

4) **Promote TYC Weekend and get your youth & leaders registered.** Promotional graphics are available on our website. Note that while the Camp Clayton auditorium can take a lot of people, accommodation spaces are limited. Once we run out of beds, you'll need to make arrangements to stay offsite. So if you intend to have your group onsite, be sure to register ASAP! (or even if you plan to stay onsite, it's a great help for our admin to have your details sooner rather than later)

5) **Complete your risk assessment.** Take note of the draft risk assessment we've provided, and the list of area that you are responsible for above. It is important that you assess and manage the risks of your church group well.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to us on [info@tasyouthconvention.com](mailto:info@tasyouthconvention.com)

In Christ,

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*TYC Weekend Team*