



RIVER KIDS ON SUNDAYS

10 AM & 5PM

AT ARRIVAL:

- The Life Centre has its own parking and there is street parking. You will be guided to a spot by our parking attendants. Our parking can fill up so its always best to try get to church 10 minutes early!
- As you enter church through the foyer off the car park, there will be a welcome table and River Kids sign in desk at the far end of the foyer.
- You will be given a welcome bag and asked to register your family into our electronic check in. We will ask for some information for each of your children so we can be aware of any allergies and know which age group to put them in. If your child/ren are in school, they begin in the church service for the first twenty minutes. They are encouraged to come down the front where they can see and get the most out of this time together as a big church family. After the first worship set, they will announce for River Kids to go to their program by their leaders.

FOR JUST OUR 10 AM SERVICE:

- If you have a pre-schooler, you will be guided upstairs to their room. If you have an infant (1-2 year old), you can begin in church with them. When River Kids are announced to leave, you will need to take your child to be dropped off upstairs in our River Babes (crèche) classroom where there are leaders to take them.

WHAT DOES THE SUNDAY PROGRAM LOOK LIKE?

| AM Times | What happens | PM times |
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| 9:35 - 10:00 | <p>Sign In</p> <p>This is in the foyer and is done by IPAD. Your child/ren each have a name tag. This needs to be done by a parent or guardian.</p> <p>All kids are to stay in the foyer, auditorium space till church starts.</p> <p><i>Preschool will not be going into church and can be taken upstairs for their usual pre hang activities and program.</i></p> | 4:35 - 5:00 |
| 10:00 - 10:20 | <p>Church Worship</p> <p>Kids are begin by joining the wider church family for the first bracket of the service. This will include songs, testimonies and kids segments.</p> <p>Kids and parents are encouraged to come down the front where the kids can see and participate.</p> | 5:00 - 5:20 |

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| 10:20 - 10:40 | Upfront Time Our school aged move into the kids spaces for welcome, prayer, offering, a game challenge and morning tea (just AM). | 5:20 - 5:35 |
| 10:40- 10:50 | Teaching Time Kids are given engaging, interactive bible teaching on the day's teaching outcome. <i>See each term's teaching overview for what we are teaching</i> | 5:35 - 5:45 |
| 10:50 - 11:30 | PODs The heart of River kids! Kids divide into their age and gender split groups for more in depth teaching, application, crafts, and fun! | 5:45 - 6:30 |
| 11:30 - 11:45 | Sign Out Unless your child is in Year 6 and Up, you need to come and sign them out. <i>For our AM - So our PODs time are as effective as possible, we would love if you wait till 11:30 AM to come even if church is over.</i> <i>For our PM- Please sign your child out right after church before you all have a lovely dinner together!</i> Please take this opportunity to chat to you child's POD leader, sharing anything that is happening (good or bad!), and ask any questions. | 6:30 - 6:45 |

WHAT ARE THE PODS AGES AND WHERE DO I FIND MY CHILDREN AFTER?

| 10 AM PROGRAM (1 yr olds - Year 8) | |
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| POD | SIGN OUT Location |
| Yr 5-8 Girls | Office foyer space however these kids sign themselves out |
| Yr 5-8 Boys | Side room off small Auditorium however these kids sign themselves out |
| Yr 3-4 Girls | Upstairs room near stairs |
| Yr 3-4 Boys | Small Auditorium |
| Yr 1-2 Girls | In large upstairs room (closest to carpark) |
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| Yr Kindy | Upstairs kids centre in the craft/wet room |
| Preschool Class | In middle classroom upstairs |
| River Babes Class (crèche) | Life Care Room Upstairs |

| 5 PM PROGRAM (Kindy - Year 8) | |
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| POD | SIGN OUT Location |
| Yr 6-8 Girls | Side room off small Auditorium however these kids sign themselves out |
| Yr 6-8 Boys | Small Auditorium however these kids sign themselves out |
| Yr 3-5 Girls | Upstairs room near stairs |
| Yr 3-5 Boys | Small Auditorium |
| Yr K-2 Girls and Boys | In large upstairs room (closest to carpark) |

OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL:

- We ensure all our leaders have completed the necessary requirements for Safe Church training, that all adults have Working With Children Checks and that we are continuing to evaluate our safety practices.
- Incident reports are filed to the Executive Pastor if there is an injury or safety incident.
- Morning tea is provided for your child/ren. We ensure there are no nuts at River Kids. If your child is allergic to anything it is important you let the leaders know immediately.
- Occasionally leaders provide treats or lollies. Please let us know if you would prefer your child doesn't have these.
- We have a time for giving/offering in River kids just like the big church service. Our giving goes to Life Care, the community arm of our church that has many programs to help provide for our local community in very practical ways. Our particular focus goes to the food hampers that are given to families in need. Your child is encouraged to bring a small amount of their money, or some non-perishable groceries.
- We are about fun and positivity at River Kids. We have a positive based behaviour management plan to reinforce our River Kids culture and what is expected. We use simple 3 point warning system that ends with a time out if required. Sophie (Children's Pastor) or the key leader will then speak to the parents of that child to let you know if there were any issues.
- If you ever have any questions, PLEASE contact Sophie. We love to hear from you. Alternatively, there is an anonymous feedback form on the 'River Kids' page on the website.

It is a joy to serve and lead your children,

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