



Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Protocols for Campers

Over 18 year old Campers (POLICY)

Recognising that many students turn 18 in their final year of school, PYV will continue to include campers who are over the age of 18 alongside campers under the age of 18.

- 18+ campers will be *strongly* encouraged to obtain a WWCC prior to coming on camp. (Volunteer card, with PYV as their organisation)
- 18+ campers will be taken aside on the first evening, to go through the legal consequences of being on camp with under 18's, what behaviour is reportable and the consequences for a breach - Warning first, then consequences at the Convenor discretion. This conversation will normally happen with the CENC representative on camp.
- Following this, 18+ campers will be required to sign a declaration when registering stating they understand what is expected of them.

Communication between leaders and under 18's outside PYV events (POLICY)

PYV takes the PCV Safe Church Social Media guideline as policy and adds the further points as best practice:

- In an online setting, PYV leaders may not initiate a friend request to a camper under the age of 18. In the event of a camper under the age of 18 requesting online contact, to the best of their ability the leader should seek the parents' permission before accepting the friend request.
- Private one-on-one messages (via facebook, text, email etc) are discouraged. If a message is needed, include at least 1 other PYV leader who is over 18 years in the conversation. This doesn't mean the other leader is involved in the conversation, but rather is just there to observe, as a safeguard and accountability measure.
- Parental permission should be obtained before any phone/skype/facetime communication.
- Remember: All online communication can always be found.

Just as leaders are prohibited from being alone in a room with a camper, leaders should strive to achieve this in digital formats as well.

See <http://www.safechurchpcv.org.au/s/Online-and-Smart-Phone-Guidelines.pdf> and <http://www.safechurchpcv.org.au/s/Your-Digital-Reputation-xe6p.pdf> for more information

Unannounced/Unregistered visitors at campsite (POLICY)

Arrival of unexpected visitors (with the exception of parents picking up & dropping off)

- PYV will not allow any unannounced visitors during camps.
- Any arrivals will immediately be sent off the campsite.
- Any visitors must have prior permission from the Convenor, as well as having given PYV their current WWCC details.

Sleeping arrangements (POLICY)

- Adult (18+) campers may not enter sleeping rooms of under 18 year old campers.
- Child (under 18) campers may not enter sleeping rooms of over 18 year old campers.
- Boys may not enter sleeping rooms of girls
- Girls may not enter sleeping rooms of boys
- Campers will be assigned to dorms by executive team
- Dorms will be based on biological gender and by age groups
- As far as possible, campers will be assigned to a dorm with the person they have requested

Toilets (POLICY)

- Campers under the age of 18 must go to the bathroom in pairs.

Information for Campers

Campers need to be made aware of a couple of things:

- The basic behavioural expectations of a leader
- Who they can talk to if they have any concerns

As a result, during the first session campers will be informed that if they have any concerns regarding any matters, they can talk to the camp parents or their study leader.

(An appropriate time to bring this up might be during a 'safe church' presentation or when introducing the camp parents in the introduction session.)