

SUMMIT



**Your complete
guide to your
next step in
ministry**

A MINISTRY LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM BY

CRU[®]

**Most young
people want to
find a community
to grow in their
faith that's more
than just a job.**

YEP, IT'S A JOB. WE PAY YOU!





REUBEN, SUMMIT GRADUATE

Summit has grown me as a person and given me the opportunity to share the gospel with so many young people. Working with other young adults who are on fire for Jesus is just a great way you can serve God.

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When you think about life after school, does this sound like you?

- ✔ You want **new experiences.**
- ✔ You want it to be **about Jesus.**
- ✔ You want to be with **people who get you.**

You'll get that and so much more at Summit.

Summit is a full-time, paid job. It's also training, hands-on ministry, mentoring, lifelong friendships and best of all... you'll see lives transformed for Jesus.



On camps.

You'll lead on 30–35 camps a year where you'll share Jesus with young people and have a heap of fun. You'll experience new adventures in the outdoors, see how God changes lives through camping ministry, and we'll support you all the way.



Grow deep.

We'll train you in ministry and outdoor education, so that you feel confident in your faith and are set up for your future - whatever that may be. As you see God at work, you'll see lives impacted for the better (and yours will probably change too!)



In community.

It's a powerful thing to find your people in a real Christian community and you'll spend your entire time at Summit sharing life with young people just like you!

Training with purpose

We know you have a glorious future ahead of you, but we also get that it's hard to know where to start. That's why Summit is the perfect next step for you.

You get to work towards formal qualifications while leading on camps, getting paid and growing in your faith. It's a great way to take a break from full-time study without leaving a gap in your growth and learning.

Over two years, training is combined into the full-time workload, with assessments being incorporated into camp life.

We check in with you every step of the way and ensure that your needs are met, so that you can get the most out of your training.

It's outdoors. It's real ministry from day one. It's with like-minded people. **Plus, we pay you!**

1. Cert II in Outdoor Recreation

Run creative outdoor activities and help campers make the most of their outdoor experience.

2. Cert III and IV in Outdoor Leadership

Further your knowledge and growth with more complex outdoor activities, plus develop your skills in leadership and team management.

3. Cert IV in Ministry and Theology

Set a foundation for your faith that will help you to articulate what you believe and why you believe it. Run Bible studies, share your testimony, give Bible talks and much more.



Flip to page 23 to see a full breakdown of each qualification, so that you know what to expect.

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

FUN • CRAZY • WISE • EDIFYING



**What does being
in a community
of young, like-
minded Christians
look like? It looks
a LOT like this!**



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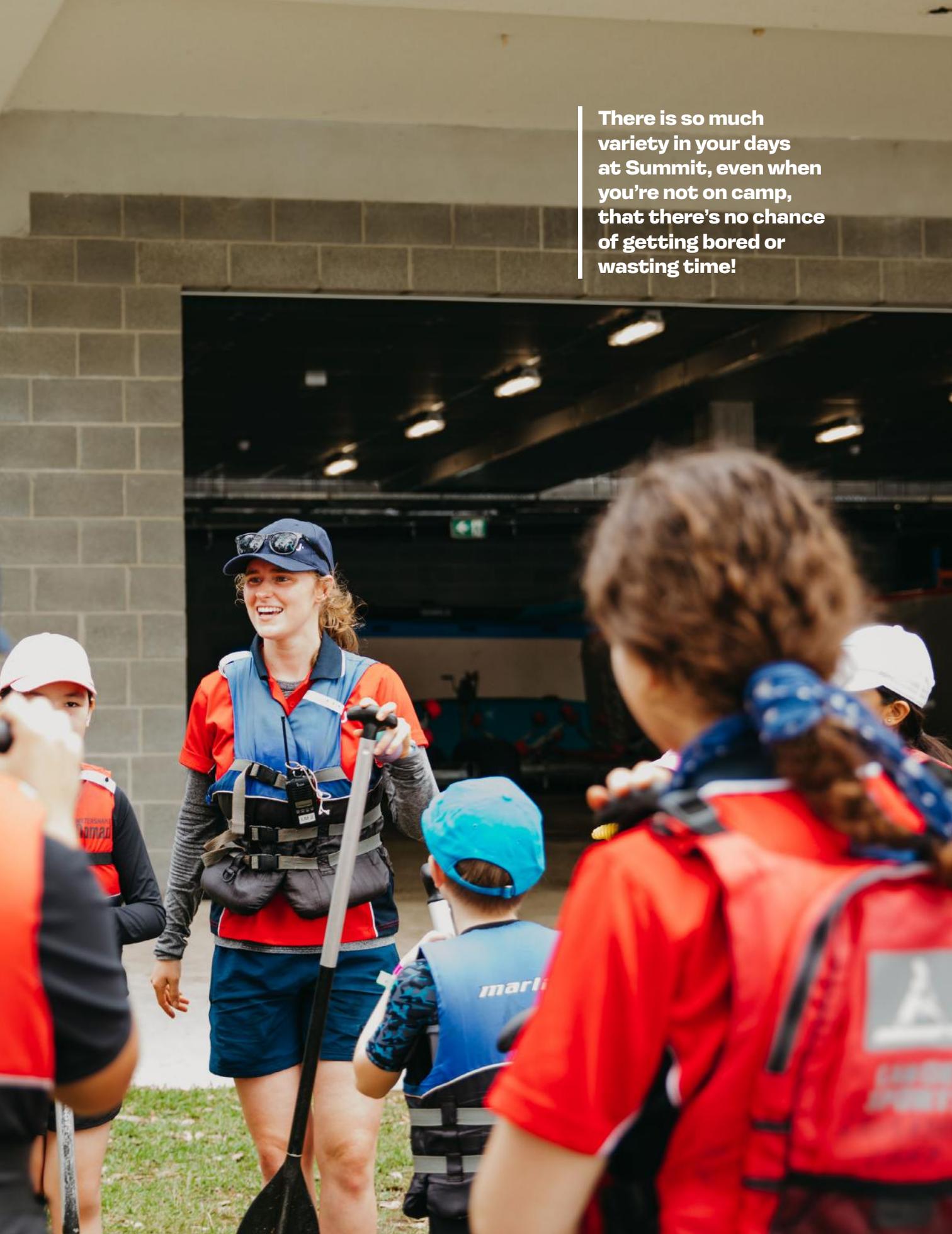
You'll be encouraged knowing that you're with people just like you while you're at Summit. You'll ride the highs and lows of training, camps and ministry together with Christ at the centre. What a rare and precious thing!

Think deep, godly, long-term friendships that go beyond catching up about the weather. As you work at Summit together, you'll help spur one another on in living for Jesus into eternity.

And, you'll have a whole team in your corner, rooting for you. Our senior staff truly want you to succeed and will cheer you on until you do. They will check in, pray, mentor, encourage and support you throughout your Summit journey. We're in this together!



There is so much variety in your days at Summit, even when you're not on camp, that there's no chance of getting bored or wasting time!



Ministry training.

You'll grow in your confidence to have conversations about Jesus in any context with a variety of training:

- Level up your testimony-sharing abilities
- Dabble in writing Bible talks and devotions
- Learn how to run the greatest small group of all time

Holiday camps.

Think tubing, pool days and laser tag - these aren't the same as a school camp. You'll have the opportunity to lead on a week-long camp alongside volunteers, doing fun activities and getting a glimpse of a different side of our ministry.

Outdoor recreation.

Get trained in thrilling new outdoor activities at our amazing campsites. Abseil down a cliff, sail across a lake, own the high ropes course... it's all part of the job!

Properties days.

Get a behind-the-scenes look into camp operations and support our site teams at Lake Macquarie and Galston Gorge.

Assignments.

With assignments connected to your camps and hands-on training, you'll deepen your learning on the job, setting yourself up to be the best leader possible.

Bible study and prayer.

Join our wider team across our different camp and office sites with regular Bible study and prayer. You'll grow in faith, prayerfully encourage one another and see what's happening in other parts of the ministry.

1:1 mentoring.

Catch up with your mentor throughout the year. Pray together, celebrate the wins, unpack the challenges, read the Bible, eat good food and share life. Your mentor knows the ropes of camping and Christian ministry and you'll love having someone experienced in your corner.

You want different? We've got it.

No two weeks at Summit are ever the same. When you're not on camp, you'll still experience new and unique things that will make for an amazing two years.

Imagine if no one had told you about Jesus.

HOW DIFFERENT WOULD YOUR LIFE BE?

80% of adult Christians say they made their commitment to Christ before the age of 18.

If that includes you, then you know first-hand the impact it has when you're young and someone tells you about who Jesus is and how much He loves you. More than that, you've experienced the encouragement when someone prays for you - showing you that they care about you when it may seem that many people don't. When you questioned your identity and purpose in school, maybe you had people guide you back towards God and helped you trust in His plan for your life.

If today's young people are anything like you, they not only need Jesus, but need to learn how to follow Him and live for Him. The likelihood of them hearing about these things is slim, especially with only around 5% of young people in Australia regularly attending church.

You can be the one to tell them these great things when you join Summit. You can be a part of seeing hearts saved for the kingdom!





**Summit is a
ministry leadership
program by CRU.**

For more than 30 years, Summit has been a place for young Christians like you to get equipped and trained, grow in faith and share Jesus with school students of all ages on camps. We run over 160 camps each year!

But wait, there's more.

CRU's mission is to share Jesus with school students in NSW, the ACT and WA.

Each week around 2,000 young people are reached through CRU Holiday Camps, Day Camps, Study Camps, Educational Camps, and supporting Christian ministry in schools. We also operate two amazing camp & conference centres near Sydney; CRU Galston Gorge and CRU Lake Mac.

Summit exists to implement CRU's mission and when you join Summit, you'll be on the forefront of transforming lives for Christ.

PS. we told you it's more than a job. Be a part of something life-changing, meaningful and so much fun!

A BIT ABOUT US...

Ready to feel confident in your faith and see lives transformed for Christ?

IT'S GOING TO BE AN AWESOME TWO YEARS!



1. Apply

Submit your application via our website. Tell us about yourself and include references. Check our website for application deadlines.



Scan the code or go to summitprogram.com.au to kick off your next step



2. Let's connect

Once we've received your application, we'll get in touch to get to know you better. You may be invited for an interview, and a volunteer camp where you'll experience camp in action and get a taste of our amazing community.



3. You're in!

If everything checks out, we'll offer you a place in our upcoming intake (January or July). Then, it's time to start the best two years of your life!



DARCY, SUMMIT TRAINEE

Previously I would have seen evangelism as a bit of a chore because I found it hard. **Doing Summit has given me a real desire to see people changed and to know God.**

1. Grow in God

Now's the time to own your faith. But with so many distractions around you, we get that it's hard. That's why we provide you with a community of like-minded people who will hold you accountable and model Christ throughout your Summit journey.

Our ministry training, regular prayer and Bible study will help you spend time with the Lord daily, and strengthen your Biblical foundations. Every week, you'll have opportunities to see God at work in a truly unique way as you share His love with young people on camp. Summit will motivate you to take your Christian walk more seriously than ever before.

2. Grow in confidence

Having a genuine conversation about Jesus with a group of young people might seem daunting right now. But with each camp you lead on at Summit, you will grow in your confidence to share Jesus with people who need to hear about Him. Our training and assignments will help you learn how to give answers for your faith, solidifying what you believe and why.

That's our point of difference at Summit - you'll gain real ministry skills from day one and put them to work on the field right from the start.

Spending two years at Summit is so valuable because we invest in you and we care deeply about your personal and spiritual growth. So that, whatever your future may hold, you go into it with a kingdom focus and a firm foundation in Christ.

Summit will change you

**YOU WILL GROW AND TRANSFORM IN WONDERFUL WAYS
THAT YOU MAY NEVER HAVE THOUGHT POSSIBLE.**

FROM THE FIELD



ELORA, SUMMIT TRAINEE

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In my first year of Summit, we did some testimony training where we learnt how to reflect on the ways we've seen God at work in our lives and how to effectively share those stories with different people on camp.

On the second night of a Year 7 camp, I had the opportunity to share my testimony with all of the campers. Afterwards, one girl came up to me and told me that she knew God was important, but didn't know much about Him or where to start learning more. As I spent time with her, I found out that she had a Bible, but didn't know how to start reading it. So, I gave her a devotion and Q&A resources to help her grow in her knowledge and understanding of God. She was even keen to find a church to start going along to!

The next day, another girl indicated to me that she wanted to recommit to being a follower of Jesus. So, I spent time with her and asked about what led her to make that decision. She told me that she grew up in a church-going family, but when she heard my story the night before, she realised that she was only calling herself a Christian because that was what her parents were. I was excited to see that God used my testimony to challenge her to start taking her faith more seriously for herself.

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I now want more opportunities to share life and share Christ with these campers.

— Elora, Summit Trainee

Frequently asked

Here's a super practical list of frequently asked questions about Summit. Let the rapid fire begin!

How do I know if Summit is the right fit for me?

If you're looking for a break from full-time study but don't want a gap in your learning, you love Jesus, and you want to find people like you, then Summit is the right fit for you. Plus, there's the perk of sharing Jesus with the next generation on camps.

I get paid? Do I need to fundraise?

Yes, you get paid. No, you don't pay or fundraise. Plus, all the qualifications you receive are included in your salary package.

How many camps will I do per year?

30-35 per year. Most camps are 3 days, 2 nights.

How old do I need to be?

17+ years old and finished school. We recommend applying during Year 12 to ensure you don't miss out on a spot.

How long does Summit go for?

Summit starts a two year contract, designed to maximise your growth, impact and the qualifications you are working towards. However, there is a possible exit point after one year or you can stay on longer than the two years and move into senior roles.

What qualifications can I get?

You can work towards a Cert II in Outdoor Recreation, Cert III in Outdoor Leadership, Cert IV in Ministry and Theology. **Flip to Page 23 for more information.**

Do I need any prior experience?

You don't need to be an experienced leader to join Summit or have an outdoor recreational background. You just need a heart for Jesus and a fundamental understanding of the Bible, then we'll train you to become a confident Christian leader.

Where can Summit take me?

The experience you gain at Summit is transferable to any career, including people skills, teamwork, leadership, communication, and project management.

My parents have questions, is there somewhere they can go to get more info?

summitprogram.com.au/parents



A DAY IN THE LIFE

OF A SUMMIT TRAINEE

6:50 – Team Prayer

Kick things off by giving the day to God.

7:00 – Rise

While the campers get ready for the day, hang out and get to know them.

8:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – Christian Discovery

Games, Bible talks, small groups to learn more about Jesus.

10:30 – Morning Tea

Great opportunity for more one-on-one conversations from small groups.

11:00 – Activity Session

Head to abseiling, encourage campers out of their comfort zone and try new experiences.

12:30 – Lunch

1:30 – Activity Session

Take on the challenge course. Run a team building activity that gets campers working together.

3:00 – Afternoon Tea

3:30 – Activity Session

Time to finish off the day with archery, a chance to teach campers new skills and continue to have good chats.

5:00 – Free Time

Build relationships with campers in an informal setting.

6:00 – Dinner

7:00 – Singing

Burn that primary school energy with some singing and dancing, praising God in such a fun way.

7:15 – Wide Game

An essential camp experience. Create a whole new world for campers to have fun in.

8:30 – Reflection Time

Reflect on the day with your small group and all the things you can be thankful for.

9:00 – Bed

You made it! Big day, but God is good and the ministry opportunities are great. Debrief and laugh your way through the night with the other leaders, and then go and get some well-deserved sleep.



Camping Ministry

You know the value of getting to know Jesus at a young age, but have you ever stopped to think about how many opportunities there actually are to do that? Not a lot. That's why we love camping ministry. It's a powerful and different avenue to share Jesus with young people, and... it works!



Meet them where they're at

When young people come on camp, you meet them where they're at. You get to know their likes, dislikes, quirks and personalities. You have fun with them and they make epic new memories. You show them that you're there to get to know them, hang out, listen and care for them.



Out of their comfort zone

Outdoor recreational activities are a great way to get campers out of their comfort zone and challenge them to try something new like abseiling, canoeing or rock climbing. Being in a new environment will motivate them to open up and give everything a go, including hearing about Jesus.



Open doors for real relationships

When you spend 3–5 full days with young people on camp, you have so many opportunities to quickly build meaningful relationships with them. This paves the path for candid conversations, where you can challenge their view of who Jesus is, while hearing their ideas and encouraging them to ask questions.

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AMELIA, SUMMIT TRAINEE

I love that Summit and camping ministry combines my two favourite things - being outdoors and having the opportunity to share the hope that we have in Christ. It's such an encouraging and rewarding job.

Qualifications explained

You can work towards qualifications in Outdoor Recreation, Outdoor Leadership and Christian Ministry while working at Summit.

Courses at Summit provide the skills and knowledge for you to be competent to work in an outdoor recreation environment, especially those with a focus on Christian ministry.

All of our courses involve a mix of practical, classroom and work-based learning and will take place at CRU Galston, CRU Lake Mac and various national parks, council facilities and campsites.

Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology | Year 1 & 2

Focuses on training students in the practical skills of Christian ministry. It contains a focus on understanding how to communicate the truth of God to kids on camps. This qualification also has wider implementation avenues for staff who are actively engaged in Christian ministry at church, or in other parachurch ministries.

Course code: 11237NAT

Note: The course can be delivered in a range of pathways, but not as a NSW Government traineeship.

Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation | Year 1

An entry level training program that provides an entry pathway for new outdoor recreation staff. It provides participants with the skills and knowledge to be competent in performing core skills in outdoor recreation environments and assisting in a range of outdoor activities.

Course code: SIS20419

Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership | Year 2

Equips participants to lead and supervise recreational activities according to predetermined activity plans, adjusting plans as needed to suit different abilities and conditions. This course is aimed at those wishing to gain basic outdoor recreation skills either to enter the workforce or pursue further study, and typically includes Year 12 leavers.

Course code: SIS30619

Note: Stay on after your two years for an extended program and work towards additional qualifications including Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership (SIS40621) and Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology (11238NAT).



Training delivered by The Crusader Union of Australia (RTO Code 90717), trading as CRU Training.

The Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation, Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership and Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership are available as subsidised courses through the NSW Government Smart and Skilled initiative.

Share Life. Share Christ.

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“Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”

— 1 Thessalonians 2:8