



Leaders in Training CONVENTION

LiT Melbourne 2025

Belgrave Heights Convention are excited to announce a new Convention coming in 2025!

Leaders in Training (LiT) runs in Sydney, Tasmania, and now in Victoria through us! We're partnering with Youthworks, (along with most other states in Australia), to bring this camp to Melbourne with a committee of local youth & children ministers leading it to equip and train young people in Years 9-12 to serve the Lord now and into the future.

We'd like to invite you to consider partnering with us by:

1. Putting the dates 7-10th July into your church calendar now,
2. Bringing your young people in years 9-12 to camp,
3. Coming along as a leader yourself, or sending a leader, and
4. Praying that LiT raises up faithful gospel workers now and into the future for the glory of Jesus.

This information pack outlines what LiT is, the vision, what young people learn, and what happens on camp. As you read through this material, please consider who you might send and how your church might maximise this opportunity to train young people up to read, apply and teach the bible in your church and in their schools.

If you have questions or if you're ready to partner with us, please get in touch with one of our VIC LiT committee members:

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We look forward to partnering with you and seeing God use this mightily for Kingdom growth here in Victoria and beyond.

In Christ, BHC LiT Committee.





Church Partnership Info Pack

Belgrave Heights Convention invites your church to partner with Leaders in Training (LiT) to prepare and equip your youth for leadership now and in the future. Belgrave Heights Convention, supported by the LiT committee, and in partnership with Youthworks, provide the camp and the structure. Local churches provide the necessary leaders for the camp and a natural capacity to follow up campers as they seek to apply what they have learnt back into their daily lives at church and school. Churches can further compliment the training of LiT by integrating the training from camp into your broader training strategy and providing opportunities for young people to put into practice what they've learned on camp.

Goal of LiT

To encourage, build up and equip young Christian leaders to love and serve Christ in His church and the world now and in the future.

Leaders

LiT is supported by a team of volunteer leaders from our partner churches who attend and invest in training & development in the lead up to LiT each year. The LiT partnership works best when churches send along both young people as campers, as well as a leader or two from their church. This way, leaders are more able to help the young people utilise the skills they have gained on LiT throughout the rest of the year at church.

We recognise however, that it's not always possible to send a leader from your church. In that case we would like to invite you to send your youth and let the bigger Christian family support you as we collectively seek to equip and encourage our young leaders. Please get in touch with your local committee member if you have questions about this.

LiT Melbourne 2025

Camp Dates: Monday 7 July to Thursday 10 July 2025

(1st week of July Public School Holidays each year)

Location: [Belgrave Heights Convention](#), 3 Convention Ave, Belgrave Heights, VIC 3160

Who can come: Youth in Year 9-12 in 2025 who might be keen to grow in Christian leadership.

Please read notes about registration on the last page for more information about what stage they go in, etc.

Speakers: Andrew Stevenson & Hannah Njoto

Website: www.bhc.org.au/lit

Facebook: [LiT Melbourne](#)

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Why Be a Part of LiT?

- LiT encourages your mature youth to grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.
- LiT develops core skills for understanding and teaching the bible faithfully.
- LiT offers opportunities to develop practical skills that equip young people to start serving now.
- LiT provides ideas for your own ministry and training.
- LiT supports the development of strong leaders across all our churches.
- You don't need to organise LiT.

"LiT was such a blessed opportunity to lean into the love of the Lord and to grow in leadership skills. What an opportunity to learn how to more effectively serve and love those we lead." LiT Camper

Vision for a Leader in Training

- Gospel transformed
- Gospel motivated
- Committed to the authority of scripture
- Models Christ
- Serves Christ as part of the body of Christ
- Serves Christ in the world
- Connected with Christians from across Australia

Core Theological Principles

1 Timothy 4:10-16

- The Gospel is our hope, our motivation and our message.
...Therefore, it is the foundation on which everything else is built.
- We will devote ourselves to the public reading and teaching of scripture.
...Therefore, we will read the bible together and be taught from it in the Gathering and Connect Groups.
- We will set a godly example for the believers.
...Therefore, we will challenge and teach the campers to live with integrity and the leaders will be examples and role models.
- We will use the gifts that God has given us.
...Therefore, we will use workshops to help students identify their gifts and equip them to use those gifts for God's glory.



Strategy

1. LiT is a three-year strategy. Campers will hugely benefit from coming for one year, but they will get the most out of the camp if they come for all three.
2. The main gathering will engage with themes of leadership within the context of the book chosen.
3. The teaching runs on a three-year cycle: Old Testament, Gospel, New Testament.
4. Stage 3 campers are given opportunities to be actively involved in leadership throughout the week, including leading the main gathering. They will be intentionally supported by their leaders.
5. Connect groups compliment the talk from the previous night. They encourage students to read the bible for themselves, ask questions and wrestle together with what it means for them.
6. The training offered in each stage reflects the opportunities students have to serve at their age and stage of life.

LiT Training Pathway



7. The training philosophy at LiT is to cover fewer topics more thoroughly, including opportunities to practice and use the skills they are learning.
8. We are committed to working with churches to develop a training strategy for leaders in years 9-12. We encourage local churches to run their own training through the year that will compliment what the campers are learning at LiT.
9. LiT will have the greatest impact when a leader from the church comes to LiT and supports the camper as they own what they have learnt and take it back into their church and school.
10. We will recruit leaders with character, conviction and competency.



Training

Teaching Target | The campers (leaders in training) spend time across the week looking deeply at one passage. They will develop skills in understanding a passage in its context, and a framework to consider how we apply the word of God in our lives. This skill is reinforced each year as we work our way through a three-year cycle of Old Testament, Gospel and pastoral letters. See page 5 for Teaching Target outcomes for each stage.

Stage 1

Foundations for Leadership | The campers explore the Biblical picture of leadership and how it differs to the other forms of leadership. They are invited to live a life of selfless, sacrificial, courageous leadership for Christ.

Big Bible Story (Biblical Theology) | The whole bible fits together in one grand unfolding plan from creation to new creation. It is the story of how God works through history to restore creation to Himself. Campers will learn how to read each part of the bible in the context of that plan.

Evangelism & Your Testimony | We want the campers to recognise their capacity to share the gospel with their friends and give an answer for the hope they have in Christ. Campers are given the opportunity to develop their skill in sharing their faith story with their peers.

Intro to Children's Ministry | Most high school leaders will start using their gifts in children's ministry and we work with the campers to think about what it means to be a leader as well as practical skills in sharing bible stories with children.

Stage 2

Evangelism in your World | Campers are given the opportunity to develop their skill in standing up for their faith. We looked at common objections to Christianity and how to discuss ideas and debate constructively and graciously.

Children's or Youth Ministry Skills | Campers choose one of the two options with the aim of helping them understand the basic principles of children's and youth ministry. They also get the opportunity to develop their skills in leading different aspects of a program.

Children's or Youth Discussion Groups | One of the first opportunities for a new leader is to run a discussion group. MUSTARD will help campers think about what it means to lead a discussion group and some practical tips for getting the most out of the time.

Stage 3

Running the Gathering | Campers put together a program for the main gathering and think through the different elements of the program and how they fit together.

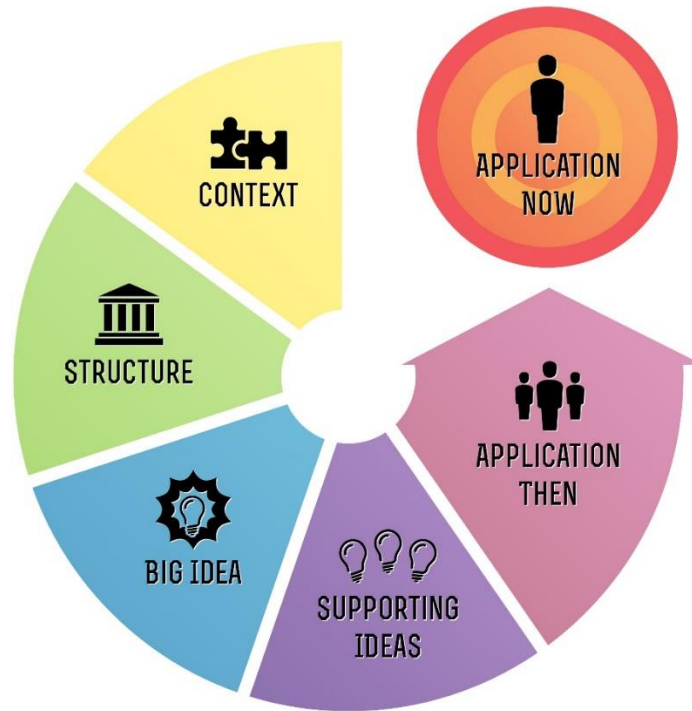
Running Activities | Campers are trained in the principles of running a ministry activity and work together to run various activities on LiT throughout the week.

Running a Prayer Group | The campers are trained in how to run a purposeful prayer group. They meet each day of LiT with a group of campers from across all stages to encourage each other and pray together.

Preparing a Bible Study or Bible Talk | Campers put into practice the skills they learnt in the teaching target by either writing a bible study or writing a talk. They'll also present what they have done and receive feedback.



Teaching Target



Stage 1

LEARN SKILLS to be comfortable reading and understanding a Bible passage

Be confident in understanding the **CONTEXT** and **STRUCTURE** of a Bible passage

Begin to understand how to develop a **BIG IDEA**, **SUPPORTING IDEAS**, and **APPLICATION** of a passage.

Stage 2

REFINE SKILLS in reading and understanding a Bible passage

Be confident in finding a clear **BIG IDEA** in any Bible passage

Be confident in understanding and developing all areas of the Teaching Target.

Stage 3

APPLY SKILLS in reading and understanding a Bible passage to produce a Talk or Bible Study

Be confident in using the **Teaching Target** with any Bible passage



Registration Information

Registration will be open in 2025. We will communicate with you before then and send you parent information packs to use in your ministry.

What stage should the youth go in?

As this is the first year Belgrave is running LiT following on from local churches running LiT, here is a guide for what stage campers should register for:

Stage 1 tickets are for youth in Year 9 or 10 in 2025 **AND** have never been to LiT before.

Stage 2 tickets are for youth in Year 11 or 12 in 2025, **OR** who previously completed Stage 1.

Stage 3 tickets are **only** for youth who are in Year 11 or 12 and have attended 2 LiT camps previously.

This ensures campers make friends with peers from other churches and have the best learning environment. Please make sure you are familiar with the stages and make them clear to your youth before they register to avoid disappointment.

Financial assistance:

We are working hard to provide LiT at an affordable price (\$400 for campers, \$320 for leaders for 4 days), but we understand that for some it's still too much.

We recommend you share the vision of LiT with your whole church and get them involved in fundraising to send your young people (and leaders) to camp.

If you require a payment plan, please contact the Belgrave office directly.

Thanks to our Ministry Partners for investing in the next generation of Christian leaders!

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