

Planning Your Team Time

VCYC is a weekend *for* youth groups. One of the ways your group can get the most out of VCYC is to plan for your team time. There are two team time allocations in the program on Saturday: a shorter session at lunch time and longer session in the afternoon (see the **program** for specific times). How you best use this time for your group is up to you. The VCYC weekend is busy and youth will be hearing and processing plenty as they hear talks, workshops, testimonies, and have conversations. Below are some suggestions on how you could use your team time.

Team Time Session #1 (45mins)

- If your youth ministry has small groups, this could be a great time to get into those groups and give youth the opportunity to share what they've been hearing. What has been encouraging, helpful, challenging, new, or different they've heard? This can also be a great time to talk about key application or things they want to remember or do when they return home.
- This shorter session could also be used for some quiet down time, encouraging youth to take some time to rest, reflect, and pray individually or in pairs.
- As youth will have attended two main sessions and a workshop, your group may want to run some activities or games during this time to help youth switch off and have some fun! There are some on-site game options suggested below.

Team Time Session #2 (1-2 Hours)

- The second team time leads into free time so you can plan for anything up to 2-hours! Make sure you check the time your group is having dinner as this may change how long you have!
- With a longer time allocation, your group could run some games or activities or even consider going off-site. As VCYC is based in the scenic Dandenong's, there are number of places you can visit off-site as a group.

On-Site Options

BHC Rec Hall:

- Gaga Pit; Basketball;
Table Tennis

BHC Grounds

- Volleyball Court
- Grassed areas for games like ultimate frisbee, soccer, football (BYO all balls and equipment)

Request a Team Time Space

- Card or Board Games etc (BYO)

Off-Site Options

- Maccas Trip! (Tacoma – 7 mins drive)

Local Scenic Sites (Walks or Picnics)

- Sherbrooke Forest Circuit (8 mins drive)
- Sherbrooke Falls (9 mins drive)
- Baluk William Flora Reserve (5 mins drive)
- Dandenong Ranges Nation Park (12 mins drive)
- Alfred Nichols Memorial Garden (13 mins drive)
- Kokoda Memorial Walk – Thousand Steps (14 mins drive)
- Ferntree Gully Quarry Reserve Lookout Tower (14 mins drive)