

July 2009

Dear Friends

As our students are learning and growing on their practicum we, back here at the school, are putting the finishing touches on this year's course and planning for 2010.

People are already applying for 2010 so if God is speaking to you about being here next year now is the time to ask us for an application form.

One thing we would like to do next year is partner with corps in training young adults. The idea is that they would contract to their corps, come and train with us and then return to their corps. We would love to partner with Corps Officers to see young adults assimilated back into their corps. So if you are a Corps Officer contact us about the possibilities.

We believe the School for Youth Leadership is a tool that has been and is used by God to dramatically impact lives of young adults and release them into their God given destiny and we believe the potential of the school is yet to be reached.

We are passionate about seeing people passionate for Jesus.

Please contact us at www.schoolforyouthleadership.salvos.org.au or 02 43588886 if you would like more information or to apply for 2010.

Andrew & Melissa Humphreys, Captains
Directors

What has my experience at the School done for my life....

I came to the school to be equipped as a leader, to gain more knowledge of God and the Bible and to be disciplined. Before attending the school I was youth leader at Redcliffe Corps but I didn't feel like or think I had the skills to be a leader. I didn't really know exactly where my life was heading or what was next for me and I had very little confidence. I had suffered from Chronic Fatigue syndrome for over 10 years and didn't really know what I was capable of.

My year at the school was the best year of my life. I got more than I ever could have imagined. Not only did I get equipped, gain new skills and knowledge but I gained a deeper relationship with God and with myself. I discovered who God designed me to be, what I am passionate about, what my gifts are and what I am good at. I gained confidence in all areas of my life. I learnt to rely on God and that he really could use me.

I found myself doing things at the school that I never thought I would be capable of and loving every minute of it. I discovered what it means to live out a life of worship and ministry. I discovered that by just being myself I can impact lives for Jesus. That just smiling and listening to a person can be some of the most impacting and fulfilling ministry. I discovered my passion for seeing lives changed through being a part of healthy community.

When my female leader announced she would be leaving at the end of the year, I thought how much I would love the job but was unsure if I was capable of doing it because of my illness. After speaking with the leaders and being encouraged to apply, I was thrilled when I got the job of SFYL Ministry Assistant. I have proven that God can provide and do the impossible by exceeding expectations and working full-time. The training that I received and the confidence I gained from my year as a student at SFYL was priceless when it came to managing the challenging situations and circumstances thrown my way in 2008.

My experience of the School has grown my character, developed my skills and deepened my relationship with God. It has prepared me for life, for ministry and for relationships. I now feel confident just to be myself, in life and in leadership. I feel equipped and have the faith to pursue God's plans for my life, whether that be continuing in full time ministry or in the future as a Salvation Army officer.

Katherine Mills, Ministry Assistant, School for Youth Leadership

WHAT'S DONE...

- May**
- Boundaries
 - Preaching
 - Colonel James Condon- Prayer
 - Lt-Colonel Miriam Gluyas- Spiritual Leadership
- June/July** -10 week Practicum (Corps/Centres or USA camps)

WHAT'S TO COME...

- August**
- Students finish prac (24th)
 - Holidays (25th-30th)
- September**
- Kingsley Nowell-Team Management
 - Youth Centre Visits
 - ANYA camp
 - Fatherheart of God
 - Inductive Bible Study
- October**
- STUMP
 - Specialling
- November**
- Gala Day (Bexley North)
 - Graduation



SFYL Student 2007

Practicum

Practicum is a time that will never be forgotten. Over the 10 weeks students are stretched, tested and used by God. Already the experience and the students themselves are shaping up to be something special.



Camp Gifford, USA- Our three female students, Cathrine, Nadine and Felicity, are at the American summer camp, Camp Gifford, in Washington State. As Camp Counsellors they are in charge of 8-12 girl campers each week.

One of Cathrine's highlights is doing devotions with her girls and seeing them all give their hearts to Jesus.

Nadine is out at Wilderness camp with the teenagers this week and after only two days it's already been quite an experience, Nadine reports that she has; "...nearly stood on a snake, had two bee stings, ticks everywhere, killed a massive rat, squirrels/chipmunks



fighting at night, Cougars with their bear friends around the place, wasps nesting everywhere, dirt changing the colour of everything, no showers, coyotes barking, bats flying above us, mice crawling around, getting eaten alive by mosquitoes but loving it!"

Felicity has experienced the more testing side of camp, of the difficulties that stretch and grow our students. The campers come from disadvantaged and dysfunctional families, and so they bring with them behavioural problems and emotional issues.

Carina, Brisbane- Bramwell is spending his practical experience at the thriving corps in Carina. He is loving being part of a church community and working alongside the youth pastor, Paul.



Bonnells Bay Salvos

Bonnells Bay & The Ark, Newcastle- Kaleb is sharing his experience between Newcastle Youth Crisis & Training Service - The Ark and Bonnells Bay Corps. Kaleb's role is diverse as he shadows The Ark Youth Workers who provide support, counselling and training for community youth in Newcastle and Bolton Point. The rest of his week is spent leading youth from Bonnells Bay with Youth Pastor Dave.



From the Students.....

Name: **Felicity** Jayne Nicole Hope
Where are you doing prac? Camp Gifford - Spokane USA

What does your job look like? Camp counsellor.

So pretty much being a bunch of kids mum, mediator, and well of wisdom.

What are you enjoying? The people, Americans are always nice... all the time. And there is so many people with SO much love for God.

What has been challenging? Waking up early and going to sleep late and what not. Kids can be grumpy when they have little sleep.

What is God teaching you? PATIENCE! LOVE! HUMILITY! All the good stuff.

Anything else you want to share? The kids here are amazing.... when they open up to you and tell you about their lives it's awesome... And then to see some of them give their lives to God, partly because of you and what you display in your life and what you say... it's just amazing!!!

Name: **Nadine** Sorensen

Where are you doing prac? America, Washington state, Spokane

What does your job look like? Counsellor for young children and teens.

Are you enjoying prac? Yes

What has been challenging? Missing home and lack of sleep.

What is God teaching you? Patience and confidence.

Name: **Kaleb** John Lawson AKA Shadow

Where are you doing prac? Bonnells Bay Salvation Army and The Ark.

What does your job look like? Guess you could call me the Assistant Youth Pastor.

What are you enjoying? Everything, but what I enjoy the most is being able to hang out and have an influence on the lives of young people.

What has been challenging? Trying to differentiate between the roles of a Youth Worker and a Youth Pastor.

What is God teaching you? How to stick with one thing, basically commitment and BOUNDARIES.

Anything else you want to share? God has been amazing through the time I've been here and He has resourced me to be able to handle anything He throws at me.