

PEACEFUL WARRIORS MENTORING PROGRAM

Anglicare Vic is seeking men (18+) to be part of our team of volunteer mentors who want to help support 'tomorrow's men'.

Peaceful Warriors Program aims to:

Provide mentoring opportunities, emotional development and support programs to 'at risk' boys aged between 9 and 16 in the Eastern region, helping boys develop healthy understandings of masculinity, and enhancing a boys life by fostering safe and nurturing relationships with caring male adults. Research has shown that young men coming from violent homes, with absent fathers, who have lived in foster care or haven't had contact with their fathers, can have confused ideas of how a man might behave. In comparison to young women, young men are more likely to suicide, use drugs or alcohol at risky levels and use violence.

Our Vision:

Some boys in our community grow up without healthy male role models in their lives. It is our vision to mobilise men within local communities to shoulder the responsibility of supporting 'tomorrow's men'. It has now been well established that boys need positive male role-models in their lives to be able to grow with confidence into manhood. Positive male role-modelling provides a supportive reference point for young men learning about masculinity.



A light meal provided on the first night. For any further information please contact Steven Smith at Anglicare Lilydale by email, steven.smith@anglicarevic.org.au or call on 97356100.

What is involved?

Four Peaceful Warriors programs are run over the year. In 2020, the sessions will be run in Lilydale in school terms 1 and 3, in Healesville in term 2 and in Woori Yallock in term 4. Sessions are held on Tuesday nights during the school term. Session times are between 6:30 to 9:00pm. The role of the mentor is to be present with the boys in the group, engage in conversations, and actively participate in the workshops and reflections required during the sessions. The workshops are activity based, with social development sessions included. For each group, there will be one high ropes day and a 3 day camp over the weekend. Activities include: group games, high ropes courses, camping, cycling, camp cooking, fishing and other activities that may include a level of physical exertion.

Mentor Training and development:

To ensure high quality of service in all areas of operation (including support to both the mentor and the mentee) Anglicare offers ongoing training and development of mentors to support them in their role. Participation in the mentor training is part of the induction and screening process. All volunteers working with children are required to submit a Criminal History Check and a current Working with Children Check.

Details:

Training Location: Anglicare Victoria
47-51 Castella Street
Lilydale Vic 3140

2020 Training Dates: Tuesday 21st of January,
Tuesday 28th January,
Tuesday 4th February.

Times: 6:30 to 8:30pm (please rsvp attendance and dietary requirements by 21 January)