



SU Australia

discovering life

Bringing God's love, hope and good news
to children, young people and their families

who are we?

SU Australia is a Christian not-for-profit organisation that works alongside local churches of all denominations and community groups towards a shared vision: **to see children, young people and their families discovering life in God's big story.** We specialise in the provision of Camps, Missions, Training, School Chaplaincy, Special Religious Education and Religious Instruction, and Internships.

130+
camps

12000+
volunteers

100+
missions &
outreaches

900+
chaplains &
SRE/RI teachers



our ministries



camps

90+ RESIDENTIAL CAMPS | 40+ DAY CAMPS

Since the 1930s SU has been running camps in Australia that offer a **safe, action-packed experience for young people** to discover life in God's big story. We offer hundreds of experiences featuring adventure, hiking, dance, art, drama, technology, and more.

We run camps across Australia and have our own campsites in Vic and WA. All of our camps include opportunities to explore the Christian faith, where young people will find an open and inclusive atmosphere no matter their background.

[Find out more: su.org.au/camps](https://su.org.au/camps)



missions

100+ MISSIONS | 40+ LOCALITIES

SU Australia missions and outreach offer opportunities to **develop young leaders and prepare them to serve in their own backyard**. No passport or expensive airfare required!

Mission programs include meals, accommodation, program and team costs. Participants enjoy the fun of living in community with other volunteers, sharing the love and message of Jesus in creative and relevant ways through relationships, conversations and program activities.

[Find out more: su.org.au/missions](https://su.org.au/missions)



chaplaincy

300+ COMMUNITY EVENTS | 6,800+ VOLUNTEERS

SU chaplains have been supporting Australian school communities since 1990. School chaplains are trained to work in the early intervention and prevention space, **providing social, emotional and pastoral support for students, families and staff**.

Working in primary and secondary schools, special schools and distance education schools, chaplains help young people dealing with family breakdown, bullying, mental health, friendship, peer issues and more.

[Find out more: suchaplaincy.org.au](https://suchaplaincy.org.au)



internships

6-12 MONTH NATIONAL PROGRAM

SU Australia offers internships through local churches across Australia or at Camp Coolamatong in Victoria. Interns **develop their leadership skills, grow in their faith and empower others to do the same**.

Young people have a great opportunity to be mentored and equipped as they discover their calling in life.

[Find out more: su.org.au/internship](https://su.org.au/internship)

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training

40+ ANNUAL GRADUATES | 14 SUBJECTS

SU Australia is a registered training organisation (RTO 30548), **delivering nationally-recognised training in Youth Work.**

Our programs have been developed in line with industry standards, focused on developing a Christian framework for the practice of youth work in community, schools, youth organisations and churches.

Our graduates enter the workforce knowing they are equipped with the skills they need to work in a wide range of workplaces.

[Find out more: suit.edu.au](http://suit.edu.au)



SRE/RI

120+ TEACHERS & INSTRUCTORS

Special Religious Education (SRE) or Religious Instruction (RI) **encourages students to explore the Christian faith from the Bible.**

SU Australia supports local churches and their communities in making Special Religious Education (SRE) available in NSW and Religious Instruction (RI) available in NT and QLD, ensuring classes are delivered in a cohesive, professional and engaging manner.

[Find out more: su.org.au/sre-ri](http://su.org.au/sre-ri)



“Passionate, talented and servant-hearted staff, volunteers and communities contribute to the rich tapestry that is our national movement ...”

[Alison Hunter, SU Australia Board Chair](#)



culture

20+ TRAINING SESSIONS | 3 CULTURE CAMPS

Australia is culturally rich with over 50% of our population either born overseas or having a parent born overseas. As this presents both challenges and opportunities, SU Australia has developed a program to encourage connection called CHAT, Cultural Hearing Asking Telling. This program **seeks to help Australian children, young people and families from all backgrounds make the most of our vibrant diversity**, by gaining the skills and confidence to listen, engage and live well with people who are different to them.

[Find out more: su.org.au/culture](http://su.org.au/culture)

Camp Volunteer – Jordan



Attending his first SU camp at the age of 10, Jordan has always enjoyed the adventure and Christian community that SU camps bring.

Keen to lead and serve on camps, Jordan heard of the opportunity to be an intern with SU camping ministry. Jordan's internship was a year of encouragement and growth.

"God worked through me, enlarging my capacity and capabilities. With my interactions with students and teachers, I have been able to show through SU that people really care. We share our faith but also our life as well."

Now working as part of the school camping team, Jordan shares, "It is so encouraging seeing the positive way young people are impacted by their time on camps."

Jordan's experience with SU Camps inspired him to be an intern at Camp Geographe, learning all the practical skills that go into running a camp.

School Chaplain – Deema



Every SU Australia chaplain brings a passion for caring for others' needs and qualities that God has placed on their heart for their communities.

Deema, chaplain at two Sydney-based schools, loves connecting with people across cultures. "Both schools I work at have different needs and cultures, and coming from Sri Lanka, I'm really passionate about multiculturalism. I know how important it is to be culturally aware and sensitive."

Deema met a family who'd recently moved from the Congo. She connected them with someone who could teach basic English. Then when the mother and unborn fifth baby tragically died from an aneurysm, Deema was called on to help once again. The school community and a local church rallied to help cover the funeral costs and so much more at the time, while Deema remained a key support person through this difficult time.

Deema is now a facilitator of CHAT (Culturally Hearing Asking Telling), and is looking forward to incorporating this program into her schools.

Church & Community Partnership



SU has partnered with Launceston Alive and churches since 2017 to run a fun-filled day to celebrate the joy of Easter at the Children and Families Festival.

Each year the celebration has grown, now reaching almost 4,000 people, with over 40 churches contributing to the festival. The aim of the event is to unify local Christians, churches and multicultural communities, while also sharing the message of Easter with the wider community.

"So many people have been encouraged and delighted by the way SU has catalysed the cohesion of churches in Northern Tasmania ... with progressively more churches cooperating in bringing to children and families this vibrant celebration of Easter," says David Strong, Chair of the Launceston Alive Steering Committee.

Partnering with churches and other Christian organisations, such as City Mission or the Bible Society, provides a great opportunity to enjoy fun activities as part of the celebrations. It also enables engaging conversations with locals about the good news of the Easter story.

Through faithful SU supporters, churches and community organisations we work alongside, we're giving more opportunities for children, young people and their families to discover life. We would love for you to join us on the journey.



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SU Australia is able to carry out its work because of the incredible support of our volunteers, supporters, business partners, church partners and staff. We'd love for you to get involved in the work of SU Australia through **volunteering, financial support, careers, signing up** for our communications, and more! Contact us for more details at:



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