

IGNITE CONFERENCE 24

Group Information



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Come and Join Us

Ignite Conference is one of my favourite events to attend! It is a declaration of bold hope in the young people of today and the Church of the future, an opportunity to encounter Jesus in a real and relevant way. I invite everyone - from the business, religious, diocesan, educational or lay-ministry sector, and especially welcome all leaders and their groups - to come along and partner with us as we reclaim the faith landscape of this nation together.



Kym Keady

Director
Ignite Youth



What is Ignite Conference?

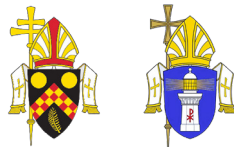
Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus.

Experience four days of real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful worship.

The people behind Ignite Conference

Ignite Youth is a ministry of the Emmanuel Community in Brisbane. We are dedicated to gathering, raising up and sending out a new generation of Catholics who are on fire for Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, formed in the faith and centred in the Eucharist - young people living their Catholic faith with dynamism and passion to reach out to their world with the life of the Gospel.

Hosted in and supported by:
the Archdiocese of Brisbane &
the Diocese of Broken Bay



Ignite Conference is a bold vision for the future of the Church.

A Church passionate about discovering a real, present God and gathering a generation to be on fire for Jesus.

The Most Reverend
Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



“ We need ignition in the Church - a new spark. Ignite Youth introduces young people to the person of Jesus in a new way; not as someone who lived once upon a time, but someone whose presence and power is here and now, good news for your life and mine. Ignite Youth has my full support and I invite you to be a part of it too. ”

“ I am delighted the Diocese of Broken Bay will be hosting the Ignite Conference this year. Ignite is a dynamic event for students, young adults and their families. It provides wonderful opportunities for faith formation in a creative and fun environment while encountering the living Christ. Let's all pray the 2024 Ignite Sydney Conference brings new hope and life to our community of the Church. ”



The Most Reverend
Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Two Locations

Ignite Conference began in Brisbane, QLD in 2001. In 2019 Ignite Conference expanded to a second location in Sydney, NSW. In 2024 we continue facilitating the Conference in both cities.

The structure and schedule will be mirrored in each conference with some differences in the speakers and workshop lists. These will be available with the full schedule by July 2024.



BNE

19-22 September 2024

St Laurence's College, Brisbane



26 - 29 September 2024

Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara

GREATER SYD

Experience Ignite Conference

Including the Young Adults Lounge, High School Small Groups, on-site Chapel, Vocations & Ministries Expo, Coffee Shop and more.

Experience the Church fully alive in faith. The ground shakes as we gather for explosive worship, powerful preaching and life-changing encounters of God.

Meet Jesus in a powerful way through the holy Sacraments. As we experience the treasure of the source and summit of our faith, we bring the very best of our creativity, passion and service.

A space to unwind and connect with others while soaking up the atmosphere between sessions.



Explosive Rallies



Powerful Sacraments



Festival

Conference Streams

Keynotes & Workshops that are specifically targeted to your stage of life, presented by the best Catholic speakers from Australia and overseas.

A full list of speakers and the complete conference schedule will be available on the website by July 2024.

Keynote & workshop registration will be available when the schedule is released.

Ignite Central

Attend keynotes from incredible speakers on a range of topics around leadership, worship, mission, culture and discipleship.

"I am a doctor and see Jesus in every patient now. I have not always. Jesus is with me every day, I am much more active in my faith, I have resumed going to Reconciliation after sixteen years and now go regularly."

Clare 56 Brisbane



Ignite YA

A fresh batch of engaging speakers and exclusive spaces specifically crafted for young adults and uni students, in partnership with ACU Campus Ministry.

"Being able to witness other people's moments was so moving! At different moments over Conference: Friday Mass, adoration, Holy Spirit night, hearing of some people's workshop experiences."

Gabriel 21 Banyo



Ignite High

Fun sessions for high school students presented by youth ministry experts from NET Ministries, Ignite Youth & more.

"Attending this conference has completely altered my perspective of God and Church because it gave me something to believe in. I didn't know I needed the religious journey I've begun because of ignite, and I'm so grateful for it."

Chelsea 15 Tamworth



Ignite Kids

Exciting sessions for primary schools kids, packed with music, games, creative arts and faith activities.

"I think at Ignite I really found God in my heart"

Emily 12 Kingaroy

Half day Parent tickets available to accompany Ignite Kids registrations.

Morning sessions and Lunch only





Why Bring a Group?

IGNITE FAITH IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Large events such as the Ignite Conference are often catalysts for young people to make a personal faith decision. They offer an opportunity to make a response to the Gospel message, whether it's the first time they say 'Yes' and choose to follow God in their life, or for already committed Christians to take a deeper step in how they follow and serve God in a more significant way.

Leading a group to Ignite Conference is also a rewarding experience for the group leaders, teachers, parents and priests who are journeying with the group. You get to witness the young people come together in friendship, hear and experience a positive message of faith, and together respond with passion and ideas about how to share their experience with others 'back home'.

“Ignite Conference was a great experience for our students. It was like nothing they have ever been to before and it opened their eyes to the possibility of worship that is alive and engaging. It was well organised and planned.”

Kate Nestor
Catholic Education Office
Lismore

RETURNING STUDENTS HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER

Ignite Conference is a great way to invest in and develop your current or prospective school leaders. The sessions and overall experience provide a faith foundation. The nature of the conference allows students to experience and grow in their Catholic faith which they previously may not have been open to or have had the opportunity to experience, which assists them in leading from a place of deep conviction and faith.



Costs

Earlybird tickets available until 30 June

Individual	Groups of 10+	Group of 30+
\$305	\$295	\$295
Earlybird	Earlybird	Set Rate
\$330 Regular	\$315 Regular	

Earlybird rate closes for Brisbane and Sydney on 30 June.

Regular rate closes on 2 Sept (BNE) & 9 Sept (SYD).

Late fees apply from 3 Sept (BNE) & 10 Sept (SYD).

Groups can be a mix of adult and student full registrations.

Meals Included:

Registration includes the following meals:

Thursday:	Dinner is not provided but available for purchase.
Friday:	Lunch, Dinner and morning/afternoon tea.
Saturday:	Lunch, Dinner and morning/afternoon tea.
Sunday:	Morning Tea only.

NB: Ignite Kids includes morning tea and packed lunch.

Transfers & Refunds

Refund Policy

If circumstances change and someone is no longer able to attend Ignite Conference, please note the following information.

Before 30 June

Refund available less a \$40 admin fee

Before 2 Sept BNE

50% refund available

Before 9 Sept SYD

From 3 Sept BNE

From 10 Sept SYD

No refunds available however registrations can be transferred to a new person

Transfers

To transfer a ticket to a new delegate please contact rego@igniteconference.com.au
Please note a \$10 Transfer fee will apply from 3 September for Brisbane registrations and 10 September for Sydney registrations.



Register a Group

GROUPS OF LESS THAN 10

1

Register delegates online

Go to igniteconference.com.au/register and register your group members as individuals.

2

Get in touch

If you would like to let us know that you are attending with a small group, contact us at rego@igniteconference.com.au

GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE

Groups of 10+ are registered through a separate process. Group leaders can contact our office who will set up a ticket for your group and provide you with the access codes. Group leaders will have access to the ticket system for their group members to monitor and make changes where required.

1

Complete Group Leaders Form

Complete this form to give us details about you and your group so we can look after you. You can find it at www.igniteconference.com.au/groupleader

2

Become a Ticket Manager

You will be invited to become a User of our Registration platform with Ticket Manager access for your group. When we set up your group's ticket, you will be able to have your group register online and access all of your own group's information.

3

Parental Consent Form

A Parental Consent form is required for every delegate under the age of 18. This form will be sent directly to the Parent Email listed in their registration.

If your school, parish or organisation requires your own Consent Form, to avoid doubling up on forms Ignite Youth will accept the consent forms of attending groups, providing they include specific clauses in order to meet our requirements for registration. Please contact us for more information.

Accommodation

Simple Accommodation

For groups wanting to keep costs at a minimum we have partnered with schools nearby the venue to provide accommodation. Delegates bring their own sleeping bag and travel mat and can camp in classrooms/gyms. Showers and toilets are on site as well as kitchen areas to prepare breakfasts.

The cost is approx. \$40 per person for the duration.

NB: Simple accommodation spaces are strictly limited. Please contact the Groups Manager as soon as possible to enquire.

Other Accommodation

At both of the Conference venues, there are multiple holiday homes, hotels, motels, caravan parks and bed and breakfasts within 20 minutes of the venue.

Our website includes a link to a shared Google Maps with local hotels tagged and their proximity to the conference venue. It is recommended that groups act quickly because accommodation books up quickly during the school holidays.

Transport

Public Transport in Brisbane

www.translink.com.au

If you are in Brisbane or would like to use public transport to get around during the conference you can use the Journey Planner on the translink website to plan your trips. Type in 'St Laurence's College, South Brisbane' as your destination landmark.

Public Transport in Greater Sydney

www.transportnsw.info/trip

If you are in Sydney and surrounding areas or would like to use public transport to get around during the conference you can use the Trip Planner on the NSW transport website to plan your trips. Type in 'St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga' as your destination landmark.

Please note that public transport is limited on weekends and at night when the conference day has finished.



Promotion

Our office staff are available to help as much as possible with your promotion plans. We have a variety of resources we can send you including; promotional video, posters, flyers and a letter of invitation.

Speaking to your Community

Depending on your location, it may be possible that an Ignite Conference representative can come to your school, parish or youth group and speak directly to your young people.

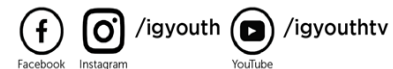
If, however our team cannot come to you, we can provide information for either yourself or whoever will speak about the conference. We can send you additional resources to help promote Ignite Conference at your school or parish.

Parent & Parish Involvement

Support from parents, teachers, priests, youth group leaders etc. are an essential element to ensuring a successful group experience. We have a sample letter that you can use to send to parents, which can be found on our Conference website. We also strongly suggest holding an info night for parents and teachers to try and give some more in-depth information and to answer any questions that they may have.

Social Media

Keep up to date with all the latest Ignite Conference news and content through our various social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. You're welcome to share any posts from our page to assist with your own promotion!



Duty of Care

Responsibility of Delegates

Ignite Conference is a fully supervised event. All staff members and volunteers on site have Blue Card/Working with Children checks, received safeguarding training, and have experience in youth ministry. **However, all under 18's and high school students are requested to stay onsite throughout the conference schedule,** unless they have permission from a parent or guardian to leave the event. Outside of the event hours and the venue, transport and delegate safety will be the responsibility of the group leader or parent/guardian.

Group leaders can check in with their delegates at break times. We recommend finding a space within the venue to serve as a meet up point, for example within the festival area.

NB: Please note: Year 12 students who are 18 years old are still registered in the High Stream and required to attend all sessions.

Pastoral Care during Conference

Pastoral Care is an important element of the Ignite Conference. The conference can often be a time where some personal issues arise to the surface for the young person (or vulnerable adult) to face, deal with and perhaps even conquer. At Ignite Youth we take this very seriously and thus have a number of procedures in place, including safeguarding procedures.

We also have 'green shirt' youth workers on duty during break times for supervision for added safety. These youth workers are experienced in youth ministry and overseen by Ignite Youth High School Ministry Staff.

Lanyards

All delegates are assigned nametags with lanyards to signify ages and for easy identification between streams. Ignite Central 18+ will have blue lanyards, Ignite High will have green, and Ignite Kids will have yellow. Please ensure your group members wear their lanyards and nametags at all times.

Small Groups

Every delegate in the Ignite High stream is allocated a small group leader and placed in a small group of same gender and similar age. These small groups will meet daily throughout the conference and the small group leaders are asked to keep a 'pastoral eye out' for the young people in their small group, particularly during the rallies. The small group leaders are also supported by the Small Group Coordinator. In addition, all Small Group leaders and Pastoral Coordinators have national Police Checks, Blue Card/WWCC and have completed safe-guarding training.

Counsellors / Pastoral Care Team

Ignite Youth is committed to providing the best pastoral care possible. We have a dedicated Pastoral Care Team on site at all times to support small group leaders and group leaders in their care of young people. This team is made up of professional counsellors, social workers, psychologists, and experienced pastoral care workers who understand and work with young people and are immersed in the Catholic faith. If a young person in your group needs the assistance of our Pastoral Care team, please let a volunteer know and we will contact the counsellor on duty.

Pastoral Follow Up

If any of your young people need to speak to a counsellor or pastoral care team member, please be assured we will pass on any relevant information possible for any appropriate follow up back home.



Follow up Post Conference

The conference may be over on Sunday afternoon, but the journey of your group should continue long afterwards. Here are some suggestions to assist with your group follow-up:

Youth Mass

As a group, there is always the opportunity to gather on the following Sunday at your local parish for a Youth Mass. This is a great way to share the new life your group has received. You may even consider beginning a consistent youth mass going forward if you don't already have one. This is especially valuable if your school or parish has provided sponsorship or facilitated fundraising.

Connect

The first step after a 'mountain-top' experience like the Ignite Conference is to regather and debrief the experience as a group. This could be something you do each night at your accommodation or in the bus on the way home. It is also good to have a dedicated event 1-2 weeks after you get home where you can regather the group, share stories, encourage each other and let them know what else you might have coming up.

If you do not already have a youth group happening, or it needs a bit of re-energising, capture the group's enthusiasm soon after the conference to plan how and when you are going to meet or what you can do differently to bring your group to a deeper level.

Talk About It

Encourage each person to write out their experience and any commitments they have personally made. If possible, collect these from them so that a) you can share some of the stories, and b) perhaps you could give them back to them a month or so after the conference when their experiences might seem a distant memory.

Give some of the group an opportunity to share their experience at a parish Mass, school assembly or another appropriate group.

Further Resources

IGNITE Grow – Leadership, Discipleship and Worship resources for High School and Young Adults, available from the bookstore.

Ignite Youth Articles – Insights and reflections about the Church and contemporary faith are available at www.igniteyouth.com.

“Spearhead” by Pat Keady – A manifesto from the heart of Pat Keady, with the specific purpose of challenging, inspiring and provoking new ways of thinking about the Church and its mission in the world.

Contact Ignite Youth - for school/parish retreat offerings.
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