

Information for Prospective St John Youth Members

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ABOUT ST JOHN YOUTH

St John Youth has been running in Victoria since 1925. It aims to engage people between the ages of 12-18 years in a First Aid oriented youth program.

Youth members participate in regular training sessions, usually on a weekly basis, for up to 2 hours. First Aid and other relevant skills are developed through age appropriate activities and training designed and delivered with young people in

mind. Service to the community is a fundamental part of St John Youth and youth members are encouraged to attend public events with experienced adult members, including qualified health professionals, to provide First Aid and assistance to the community.

A youth member who attends training and provides First Aid at events in their local community develops a sense of service and helps build community resilience. They develop leadership and communication skills that allow them to respond confidently in emergencies, contribute to the development of St John Victoria in leadership roles and reach their own personal potential.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Youth members contribute service to the broader community primarily through the provision of First Aid at events, and on a local level through their participation and commitment to their divisional and local community.

Experienced youth members can attend events and provide First Aid under the supervision of adult members as a development experience to further their First Aid skills and knowledge. From the age of 16 youth members can work towards their 'adult' member accreditations and can continue to attend events in line with their training.

ELIGIBILITY TO JOIN

To be eligible to join St John Youth prospective members must have reached their 12th birthday and have not yet reached their 17th birthday. Some exceptions may exist to members who have recently turned 17 based on the local division and their needs, however in most situations those who have reached the age of 17 would be encouraged to apply to join the 'Adult' program once they have turned 18.

FEES AND COSTS

To join St John Youth there is an annual membership fee of \$135 and a joining/administration fee of \$50 to enrol in the program. Commencement of the program cannot occur until these fees are paid. Those who join after 31 May are required to pay the joining fee and half the annual fee.

Other costs may occur throughout the program for various activities or camps which members may attend.



ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS & CAREMONKEY

You are welcome to visit the division for a few weeks to see if it's something you'd like to continue with. When you visit your local division, you will be given a *Prospective Members Form* to fill in. If you decide to join St John Youth, speak with the Divisional Youth Manager and let them know your intention.

Once you have decided to join, parents / caregivers will be sent an email with an invitation to register to

become a St John Youth member through an online platform called *CareMonkey*.

Parents / Caregivers are then required to create a CareMonkey Profile and complete two eforms (*these are to be completed before your next divisional meeting*):

- Membership Fee – New Member Payment Form
- Youth Membership Application Form

The CareMonkey User Account MUST be set up using the parent/authorised caregivers name and email address. These will be the primary details we will use to contact you.

The User Account/email address is NOT to be set up using the details of the youth member.

As part of the process you will be required to upload an identity/proof of age document. This can be a copy of a passport or a birth certificate.

When completing any medical or other conditions, the following guidance should be used for the risk category allocated to medical, health or other conditions identified:

- **HIGH – used for life threatening and time critical situations - which will likely require hospitalisation.**
- **MODERATE– used for potentially serious and time critical situations - which may require hospitalisation. If treatment is delayed could/will turn to a life threatening situation.**
- **LOW – used for non-life threatening, non-time critical situations**

You may be contacted for further information on a medical/health condition before the membership process can be finalised. In some situations based on conditions identified there may need to be a restriction placed on the participation in some activities within the program.

It is important to note, if the eforms and profile are **not** completed within 14 days, the application process will lapse, and it will be assumed that you no longer wish to apply for membership. Should you experience any difficulties with CareMonkey please email cadet.admin@stjohnvic.com.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or if you have any questions please speak to your Divisional Youth Manager or visit our website www.stjohnvic.com.au/stjohnyouth The website contains a number of important documents about Child Safety and other information regarding policies and procedures.