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Generational Ministries Return for Term 3

Dear Parents,

Well this has been an interesting year for sure. All of the leaders from Girlzone, Boyzone and Ignite Youth have missed spending time with your young people over this last season. We are very excited however because in term 3 our Friday night programs will be returning on the **2nd week of term 3**. Woo hoo! We have included a program for you to see the details.

However, the safety of everyone involved in our programs is important to us and so because of our COVID-19 safety plan our programs are going to look a little bit different. We do ask that you read the following information carefully and if you have further questions about any of these items, then please feel free to contact your group leader on the details below.

Social Distancing – As we are not an education facility we do not come under the same guidelines as schools when it comes to social distancing, and as such we will be practicing social distancing where possible during our Friday night programs for everyone’s safety. We would also encourage young people to bring their own drink bottles to help with this. As part of our COVID safety plan and adhering to numbers each group will have an allocated area of the church to use for their program, to eliminate the need to go to other areas of the church building.

Timing and Regularity – Groups will continue to meet at **6:30-8:30pm** on **Friday nights** during the school term. However, one change that we are implementing this term, because we only have 2 spaces available each night for our programs, is that Ignite Youth Junior and Senior will not be meeting at the same time. **Instead each group will only be meeting once per fortnight.** Girlzone and Boyzone will continue to meet fortnightly as well.

Sign in and Out – Our Sign in and out process is going to be a little bit different. In order to try to speed the process up and reduce the number of people congregating in the foyer we will have 4 sign in stations available. **Parents are still asked to come in to the foyer** to ensure that the young people are signed in but leaders from the groups will be handling the signing in. **Young people will also be encouraged to head to their areas straight away without needing to wait in the line.**

For Sign Out, we would appreciate you heading to the same sign in/out station that was used for sign in. When your young person is signed out a leader will go and get your young person and you will be able to

leave. We are not encouraging people who are picking up their young people to enter the areas in which the programs are happening, to avoid congregating in large numbers.

Generations Camp – One of the big things that we love to do in term 3, and have done for the past few years, is run a camp at the end of term 3 to help facilitate the moving up in groups that occurs in term 4. **We are still planning, and working towards camp happening on the weekend of 18th September this year.** This is one of our major highlights of the year, both for leaders and young people and so we are definitely excited for this to happen again this year. We are hoping to provide more information about this during the term.

Everything is Subject to Change – One of the things that we have learnt over the past few months is that any COVID situation can change rapidly, and so as we go through this term we will be adapting as restrictions change. We will inform you as things change as well, but we also ask for your understanding as we undertake this. Particularly in the first few weeks we might need to tweak processes in order to ensure we look after people's safety as best we can.

As you can see Boyzone, Girlzone, and Ignite Youth are not going to look the same as they have in previous terms, but one thing that we still believe is incredibly important is that your young people matter. Your young people are important to us, and we are committed to ensuring that they have a place where they can come and spend time, build relationships and have fun on a Friday night.

We are so looking forward to what is sure to be an awesome term. If you have any questions, concerns or worries that you would like to talk to someone about then please contact your young person's group leader on the details below.

Thanks

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