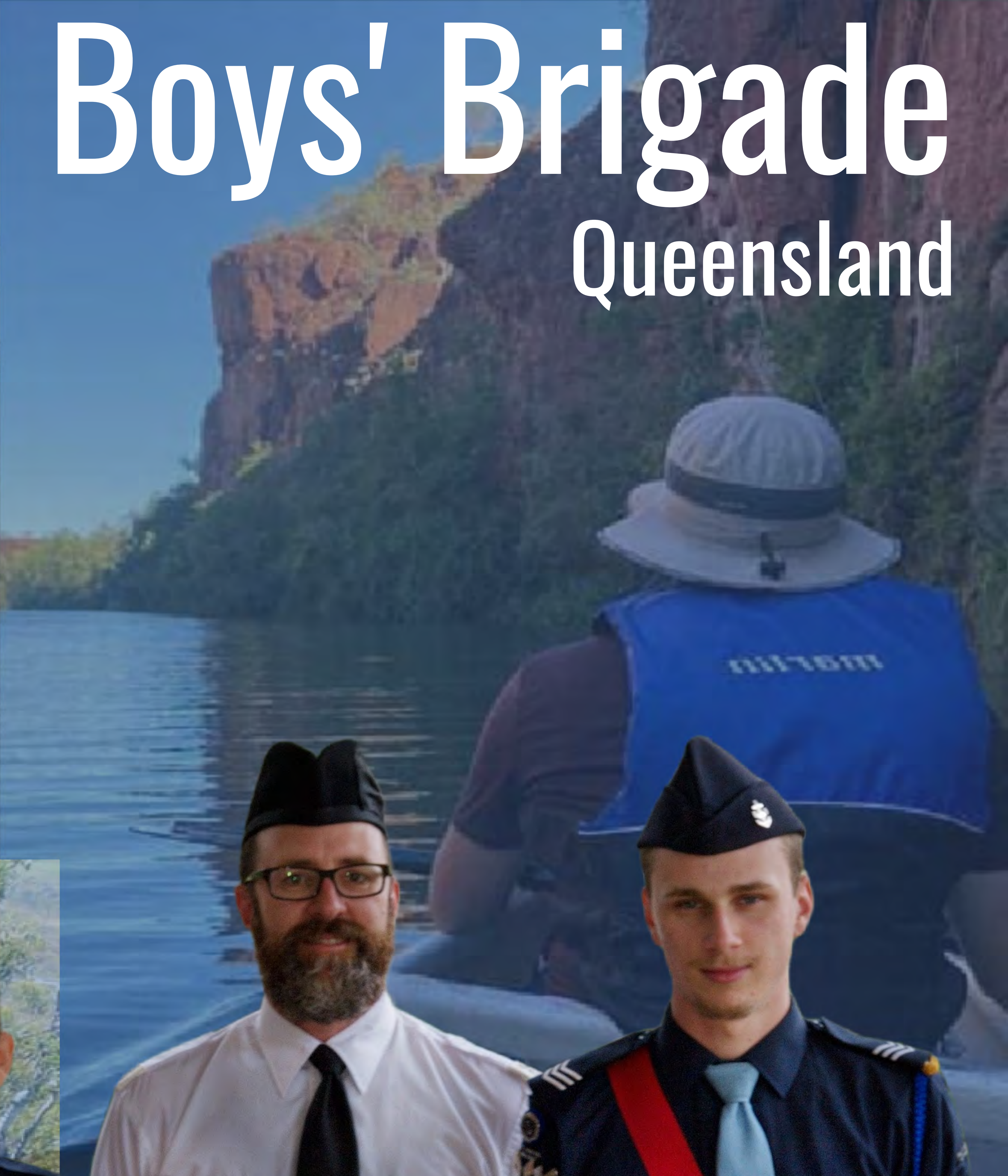


The Boys' Brigade

Queensland



What is The Boys'
Brigade?
Parent Information

Did you know...

From Birth to seven years of age, a child's "moral compass" is being set?

BB provides a great opportunity to help set boys in the right direction - from the age of 5-18

One in Four Australian children aged 5-7 aren't getting enough exercise?

BB focusts on an engergtic program designed to proved a wide range of experiences.

Boys today are suffocating in "cotton wool" - not being allowed to be boys and explore their sense of adventure?

BB runs many events aimed at challenging boys in a safe environment.

14% of Australian boys don't have a father living at home and are missing male influences in their lives?

BB leaders have a major positive influence in boys' lives.

" To me, BB is singularly the most important vehicle for my three guys to journey into manhood."

**Dr Donald Van Cooten Ph.d
CEO World Relief Australia Inc**

Each Boys' Brigade group meets in a local church and is called a **Company**. Each Company is broken up into age groups called **Sections**. Each Section creates a program that is specific to the development and social needs of the boys.

The Sections are called:
Anchors: Ages 5-7 years
Juniors: Ages 8-11 years
Seniors: Ages 12-18 years.

The Boys' Brigade Qld State Office also runs events for Companies to attend.

Some of these are State Events include Soapbox Derby and The Great Canoe Race.

They also run a variety of camps for fun. BBQLD also hold events for the training of Leaders and Leadership Development for the Seniors.

Companies in locality areas are grouped together to form a **Battalion**. Battalions get together to compete against each other in activities such as: Soapbox Derby, Figure Marching and Drill Competitions, Swimming Carnivals, Archery, Dodgeball and more. They also get together socially for fun activities like Camps and Day Outings.



Uniforms

Uniforms are an important part of The Boys' Brigade. The boys are proud to wear their uniforms and be a part of the Company. We have a Classic and Contemporary Uniform. The choice of uniform worn is decided by the Company. As boys move through the Sections, their uniform changes slightly.

Anchors wear: navy shorts, sky blue BB shirt, cap and BB socks, black shoes and armband.

Juniors wear: navy shorts, navy BB shirt, cap, BB socks, black shoes and armband.

Seniors wear: navy trousers, navy BB shirt, BB belt, cap, black shoes, shoulder belt and armband.

Officers wear: White shirt, black pants, black tie, BB tie bar, BB Belt, Glengarry

A navy BB polo and contemporary baseball are substituted for the contemporary uniform.



You can find out more about the BB Uniform on our website: bbqld.org.au

Boys' Brigade trained leaders (Officers) prepare challenging and adventurous activities for the boys in their Section. As boys move through the Sections, their activities will become more challenging and include hiking, camping, canoeing, bush skills, archery and more. Each Company will arrange different activities according to the interest of their leaders. Many of the leaders will be trained in Outdoor Education Certificates. Those Companies who have leaders trained can register to be an Active Club and families will have access to Fair Play Vouchers, which can be used towards yearly BB Company Membership Fees.



All our leaders comply with the Queensland Blue Card Requirements and are trained and compliant with their Church Child Safety programs and The Boys' Brigade Australia Child Safety and Risk Assessment Program.



Based on Luke 2:52, The Boys' Brigade program is a holistic program that engages boys in five aspects of who they are. Each Section's program will cover these aspects with age appropriate activities, allowing them to develop these aspects as they move through the Sections.

Body

Boys participate in age appropriate activities that aim to develop boys physically and include team and individual sport, drill and figure marching, expeditions and learning about healthy living.

Mind

Boys have the opportunity to stretch their mind through learning about the world they live in, The Boys' Brigade and the environment.

Spirit

Boys have the chance to discover a God who loves them and learn about the Bible and Christian life.

Creativity

Boys explore their creative talents through developing new skills and hobbies, giving them opportunities to discover and express their own creativity.

Community

Boys are challenged to be active members of their local and global communities through engaging in community service projects, learning about the needs of others, how our society works and how they can be an active part.



finding the leader in your son

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



The BBQLD Leadership Development Program is run in weekend or weeklong courses and are designed to find the leader in your son.

The BB Leadership Development Program is recognised by the Studies Authority, contributing points to the Qld Certificate of Education.

The Leadership Course is broken into stages over 3 years, starting when a boy is 15 years old.

A Trainee explained his time at Leadership like this:

At Stage 1, I learnt Leadership Skills

At Stage 2, I learnt how to be a man

At Stage 3, I learnt how to be the man I want to be.

And I've made all these plans, because there is no Stage 4 Leadership.

Stage 4 is the rest of your life!



Badges and Awards

The Boys' Brigade encourages boys to earn badges through a variety of activities:

Service: Long term participation, commitment, sacrifice and good conduct

Activity: Acquiring skills and experiences in many different areas, such as BB Knowledge, Scripture Knowledge, Service to the Community, Skills, Expedition, Environmental, Physical, Sports, Hobbies.

Special: Awards for Heroism, Gallant Conduct, Duke of Edinburgh, Sir William A Smith Award, The Queen's Badge.

The Badge System requirements are age appropriate and for the Anchors and Juniors, their badgework is completed within the Company Program. The Seniors is more challenging and has requirements for the boys outside of Company Night.

More details on the BB Badges and Awards and how they can be achieved can be found on our website: bbqld.org.au



Short History of BB

The Boys' Brigade was founded on 4 October, 1883, by William Alexander Smith at the Free Church Mission, North Woodside Rd, Glasgow, Scotland.

William Smith, a voluntary Sunday School teacher and "volunteer" member (similar to our Army Reserves) devised a unique youth movement and program based on Christian ideals, achieving personal goals for his Sunday School members aged 12.

Choosing activities that engaged boys of that generation, the initial program included a simple form of parade drill, gymnastics and team games. Other activities were soon added and in 1886, William Smith held the first camp. In fact, it was the start of recreation camping for young people.

BB was quickly taken up by many Scottish churches and then, by churches throughout Britain and Ireland. This growth in Britain was soon followed by the starting of Companies overseas in places such as Canada, USA, South Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.



William Smith asked his friend, Lord Baden-Powell, to rewrite his articles about "scouting" for the army and tailor them to run within a boys program, which eventually resulted in Baden-Powell founding the Boy Scouts as a separate movement in 1908.

William Smith was knighted in 1909 in recognition of his work with BB and the nation's youth. He died in 1914.

The Boy's Brigade is now in 60 countries around the world with around 750 000 boys and leaders involved.

For over 135 years, The Boys' Brigade world wide ministry has been "advancing the Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all the tends towards a true Christian Manliness" - The Object of The Boys' Brigade

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