

Goals

- For young people from urban areas to visit rural Australia.
- To develop a servant attitude within the community.
- To support and work under the guidance of BCA workers and the Dusty Boots Program.
- To give glory to God through working with Bush Church Aid.



DUSTY BOOTS PROGRAM

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A Dusty Boots team on location

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Youth Service Program



THE DUSTY BOOTS PROGRAM

Bush Church Aid's Dusty Boots Program is an opportunity for high school students to experience first-hand mission and service in the Australian outback.

The program is a time for serving others, it's about taking on responsibility for self and others, about wearing sensible and task related clothing and working with the local people, their needs and their culture.



Training

Team training can be undertaken at your school or at a local church. Training should take one or two afternoons. It includes team building exercises and small group preparation for teams of service. Dusty Boots Coordinators can attend and/or supply resources to assist.

Participants

- 15 – 20 Year 11 and/or Year 10 students (that is: 15 – 17 year olds).
- Three to four teachers/youth group leaders (to supervise students, organise transport, coordinate meals and accommodation).
- If available, members from a Church located near the group who can work with the young people (two to three families).



Program

Seven to nine days serving as a Dusty Boots Team during school holidays or another negotiated time. Three service groups are recommended for your team:

1. **Children's work** – craft and sport with devotional and singing time.
2. (a) **Maintenance work** – at nominated local homes, community areas or at the church – including painting, cleaning, fly screen mending and minor repairs.
(b) **Landscaping and gardening work** at nominated local homes, community areas or at the church – including fencing, weeding and garden repairs.
3. **Cooking** – preparing breakfast, lunch and dinners for the team.

Costs

Transport, fuel, accommodation, food and service supplies need to be provided by the group. Individuals supply their own sleeping gear and personal goods. There is no charge for the training or pre-service support from the Dusty Boots Coordinators.

Accommodation

Hostels, cabins/camping. Recommendations can be provided.

Child Protection

All adults on the team must have a check completed by their school or church. BCA Staff have already had their check completed.

Health requirements

Collating health requirements/details is the direct responsibility of the teachers or church. This includes collecting Medicare numbers, medication and dietary requirements as well as emergency contact details. Towns may have a hospital/medical centre, and the Royal Flying Doctor Service is available in the case of an emergency.

Interested?

1. Send an email or call and provide details of your group (number of young people, number of adults, age, suitable dates).
2. We will provide available locations and discuss your needs in regards to dates, travel, accommodation, food and service.
3. Your group selects the best option.
4. When agreed, details for the service and location for your group will be confirmed.

Young people going to the Outback, doing some service and getting their boots dusty.