



HOW BB WORKS

PRODUCED BY 14TH VIC WERRIBEE

PURPOSE

“The object of the Brigade shall be **the advancement of Christ's Kingdom** among Boys, and the promotion of habits of **obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect,** and all that tends towards a **true Christian manliness.**”

Extract from the Boys' Brigade Constitution, recorded in the 1892-3 UK Annual Report Copyright: The Boys' Brigade and used with permission

The main purpose of The Boys' Brigade is to spread the Gospel to young people all around the world, giving them the opportunity to come and know Jesus as their personal saviour. And then to promote, guide and help their journey all to become like Christ, the truest example of Christian manliness.

We achieve this by promoting obedience, reverence, discipline and self-respect in all we do. These attributes may be viewed as old fashioned or out of date or unnecessary for today. But if you were employing someone: Would you want them to never listen to anything you said? Or to have no respect for God in anything they did? or to have no discipline to get tasks done? Or to have no honour or dignity? The answer for most of us, would be no.

These characteristics are important for life and faith as a Christian and were all displayed by Jesus in His earthly ministry.

BB STRUCTURE

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Global Fellowship
of Christian Youth 
Including the International Network of The Boys' Brigade

BB Companies

BB operates through many companies across Victoria all run through a local church. These companies meet once per week and aim to reach out into their communities.

BB Victoria

All Boys' Brigade companies in Victoria are a part of Boys' Brigade who provide a range of events, resources and supports for companies.

www.bbvic.com.au

BB Australia

BB Australia unites BB in all States and Territories of Australia and makes decisions about policies and procedures effecting BB all over our nation.

www.boys.briagdeaustralia.org

Global Fellowship

At the International level BB Australia is associated with the Global Fellowship of Christian Youth which is a collective of BB around the world and a number of other uniformed youth organisations totalling more than 1,000,000 members.

www.globalfellowship.net

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BB-CHURCH RELATIONSHIP



Boys' Brigade exists as a large international ministry with over 1,000,000 young persons involved. It has its own structures, programs, events and bodies as well as over 135 years of experience in running youth ministries.



But at its heart, BB is a local church ministry. Each Boys' Brigade company operates through a local church to reach out into the community, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through our programs.

The local church has complete control over:



The leaders who run the program, including who the captain, chaplain and OICs are.



The Spiritual teaching of a company



The weekly program that a company runs



The other activities that a company runs

And of course, BB at all levels exists to help local churches achieve these goals and advance Christ's Kingdom.

COMPANY PARADE NIGHT

We meet once a week on a Tuesday Night and run a program split into 2 separate sections based on school year level.

Our weekly program is based off the Four Sided Program (Luke 2:52)

SPIRITUAL
PHYSICAL
EDUCATIONAL
SOCIAL

Juniors (3-6)

Time	Item
7pm	Opening Parade
7:10	Drill
7:25	Achievements
7:45	Games
8:10	Devotions
8:30	Closing Parade

Seniors (7-12)

Time	Item
7pm	Opening Parade
7:10	Squad Time
7:25	Drill
7:45	Achievements
8:10	Games
8:35	Devotions
9:00	Closing Parade

Opening Parade

A formal opening to the night, opening prayer, rolls marked and announcements.

Squad Time

Gives the seniors a chance to bond as a team

Drill

Marching is used to teach boys: obedience, discipline, self respect as well as team work

Achievements

Boys learn skills such as car maintenance, camp/hike skills or budgeting

Games

The physical component of the evening, a chance for fun and team/moral building

Devotions

Teaching about the Christian faith from Scripture

Closing Parade

A formal end to the evening

COMPANY LEADERSHIP

Each BB company is run by a team of trained officers with different ranks and roles.

Church Leadership

The company is a ministry of a local church and is ultimately run by the leadership of that church.



Captain

The Captain is in charge of all aspects of the company and is entrusted by church leadership successfully lead all other officers.



Chaplain

The Chaplain is of the same rank as the other officers and looks after the Spiritual welfare of the company, its boys and officers.



Officer In Charge (OIC)

Each section of a company (anchors, juniors, seniors) has an officer in charge of it.



Lieutenants & Warrant Officers

All other officers are either Lieutenants or Warrant Officers. These officers run the various sections of the company night. Lieutenants are a higher rank than Warrant Officers and are appointed based on experience and training.

COMPANY ACTIVITIES

These are events that we usually run every year for our boys and are included in the annual fees.



Company Camp

We have a weekend of fun activities at Camp McLaren (the BB Campsite) in Yarra Junction

ANZAC Sleep Over

We believe it is important to remember those who have given up their lives so that we can be free. Every year we have a sleepover on the 24th of April before going down early on ANZAC day morning to the cenotaph.



Church Parade

Many members of the church don't get to see what activities we are doing, so every year we have a church parade to help connect us to our church.

Junior's Big Day Out

Our Juniors have an exciting annual trip out for the day. In the past we have gone to places like Karyl Castle or Sovereign Hill.



Junior's Day Hike

Our Junior's go on a day hike in the bush. In the past we have gone to the You Yangs and Werribee Gorge.

Hiking

Our Seniors usually go on 3 hikes per year from Friday Night to Sunday. Often we will travel up to Falls Creek, over to Mt. Cole or down to Torquay.



BBV, BBA & INTERNATIONAL

There are also many opportunities available at a State, National and International Level.

Junior State Camp

Weekend camp at the BB Campsite for Junior Section boys.

State Athletics Athletics competition for Junior Section boys.

State Canoeing A day of canoeing fun for all boys in BBVic

Junior Indoor Sports Juniors from all around the state join together for an afternoon of team building games

Figure Marching Competition Juniors from different companies compete with each other in Figure Marching

Billy Cart Derby Companies build their own billy carts and race them in a competition for boys from Juniors and Seniors.

Senior State Camp Weeklong camp at the BB Campsite in January for boys in Senior Section. With activities like, hiking, canoeing, laser tag and devotional sessions.

Drill Competition Seniors from around the State compete with each other in Drill Squads

BB/GB Socials We also hold social events with Girls Brigade

Officer Training is provided to equip and resource officers

Officer First Aid Training BBV provides opportunities for officers to be trained in First Aid.

Pan Australia Camp (PAC)

Every 3 years, all Seniors from around Australia have the opportunity to gather together for 9 days of activities.

Including: Devotions/Worship, hiking, Trip to the State Capital City and theme parks.

Global Fellowship Week

GF Week is a great chance to engage with the wide world of Boys' Brigade to share ideas and encourage each other.

Int. BB Aus BB Victoria (annual events)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

We believe that it is important that boys are trained in leadership skills and given opportunities to practice those skills.

Weekend Courses

Introductory Leadership

Learn the basics of what makes a good leader, an types of leadership

Squad Leadership

Learn how to lead a small group and how to teach people skills

Company Leadership

Learn to be a Christian leader & to lead groups of people to success

Weeklong Courses

Team Leadership

Learn how to work effectively as a team to achieve goals

Personal Development

Learn powerful tools to examine and lead your life

NCO Council

Boys who have attended leadership courses have the opportunity to apply to be a Non-Commissioned Officer as either a Lance Corporal, Corporal or a Sergeant. NCOs then serve on the company NCO Council which runs various aspects of 14th VIC Werribee. This gives them an opportunity to practice leadership skills and team work as well as be mentored by older officers in the company.



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UNIFORM

Wearing a uniform helps create a sense of group identity and makes BB not a fashion competition, while also teaching boys self-respect.



The Seniors Formal Uniform



The Juniors Formal Uniform

Uniform can be purchased directly from the Boys' Brigade Australia Shop and shipped straight to you.



The Casual Uniform (Juniors & Seniors)

AWARD SYSTEM

Our awards system serves two purposes:

- 1 Encouraging boys to take part in a wide range of activities they may otherwise not try.
- 2 Recognising boys efforts and accomplishments, and in turn inspiring others.

Juniors Awards



The top line of grey awards are for attendance. The next two line are for activities completed at Boys' Brigade. Juniors complete all their badges on company nights.

Senior Awards



There are many more awards for Seniors to get that require activities to be undertaking outside of a company night.

The highest award is the Queen's Badge which represents many years of service & effort. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is also available through BB.



FEES

All the programs and activities that Boys' Brigade operates for boys can not happen without funds.

BB requires no funds from the local church through which it operates and is funded by charging an annual fee to parents whose boys are in the program.

At 14th VIC Werribee, this annual fee covers:

- The weekly Tuesday Night program
 - All Company Hikes
 - All Company Camps
- The ANZAC Day Sleepover
 - Juniors Big Day Out
 - Juniors Day Hike

Our fees may change year to year, but for 2022 they were:

Juniors: \$245

Seniors: \$310

We do not want any boys to miss out because of our annual fees. If these are an issue, please contact us and we can make the appropriate arrangements.

