

FAQ's For FP Impact in Sydney, Australia

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COST – How much will it cost me?

Course fees;

The cost of the course is \$4,290.00 (Australian Dollars). This includes all of your food and accommodation for the duration. It also includes the cost of 180 Youth camp, church camp, the leader's weekend away and any books and study guides you will be asked to study. It doesn't however cover personal items, spending money or transport fares.

So how much spending money will I need?

This is entirely dependent on how you wish to spend your time. The only expense you will be forced to incur are toiletries and transport. However you will probably wish to spend money on things such as your phone contract which is typically \$30 a month, social events such as coffees, parties, trips around the city and holidays etc, etc and it is important to remember that Sydney is one of the most expensive cities in the World and so essentials may be significantly more expensive than you are used to. It would be sensible to estimate a spend of \$100 Australian dollars each month of your stay.

Can I get a Job?

You have Saturdays, Mondays and some evenings where you have the opportunity to get a part time job. Expect to be busy though so you will need time to rest, don't base a budget on the basis you can work 2 days a week. If you are on a working holiday visa however, you will only be able to work with one employer for six months.

ROLES – So what would I actually be doing?

A typical week consists of...

Working 9-5 Tuesday to Friday while Mondays and Saturdays are your days off (though there will be some Saturdays events which will probably work out as 1 per month). On Sunday you will be expected to attend the morning service (including prayer meeting) and during the week in the evenings you will be expected to be involved in activities such as connect groups and the youth group. A rough schedule will look like this but note connect groups nights may vary:

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Morning	Church Service	100 %Free	Office	Office	Office	Office	75% Free
Afternoon	100 %Free	100 %Free	Office	Office	Office	Office	75% Free
Evening	75% Free	100 %Free	80% Free	Connect Groups	90% free	Youth	75% Free

What will I actually be doing?

- Youth Leader, discipleship groups
- Kids work on Sundays
- Playgroup
- Accountability sessions
- Sunday morning youth
- Songs words on a Sunday
- Theological study
- Other serving in line with your experience, gifting and interests

There is a fairly large youth group which you will become a leader of. There is also a great kids work programme on a Sunday morning and there is a playgroup that meets at the church during the week aimed as an outreach programme for non-Christians. There isn't much student work but there are currently 3 x young adult connect groups (with students and young workers).

Youth Camps?

We hold both a 180 Youth camp aimed at 12-18 year olds in January as well as a Church Camp in around October. You will be involved in both of these events and they are both amazing, the presence of God and the hunger of the kids at the youth camp particularly marks out this event.

Will I be having a specific project to work on during my time on FP?

Unlike the FP course ran in the UK, you won't be set one specific area in which to serve in. You can focus your time more on a particular area if this is what you feel called to do but otherwise you will be serving in all areas.

Will I be challenged?

Yes, is the simple answer. FP impact is designed to challenge your thoughts and your actions. Both theologically and spiritually.

Will I have to do any written assignments?

You will be set roughly one essay per month to do in correspondence to your theology training. Other than that, written work is minimal. For this you may find it useful to have a laptop.

What theological training is there?

You will have a two hour session with one of the Elders of the church every week. There is also an online course called **Training For The Future = TF2** which people from around our region participate in. There is one subject a month, is very manageable even while you would be serving full-time in other areas.

Video from Ken (in Christchurch), who oversees the course: <https://vimeo.com/167998137>

Do we start straight away or do we have time to settle in?

We will aim for you to arrive a week before 180 Youth Camp so that you have a chance to settle in with your family and explore a bit. You will be given things to do in those days such as meeting the elders and sorting out phone contracts. After 180 Youth Camp, you will start in the office almost straight away.

How Do I Apply, Do I Need a Visa?

Who can do FP and do I need any qualifications?

Anyone who is over the age of 18 and currently attending a Newfrontiers church can do the FP course. No qualifications are necessary.

When do I need to apply by and how do I apply?

All you need to do is fill in the application form on the website and send it to:

James Ryburn

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PO BOX 490

Collaroy Beach NSW 2097

Australia

Alternatively, you could email it to: office@gracecitychurch.net. Applications should be sent before the 31st October, however, if you are applying from outside Australia, you may need to apply earlier so that you can organise flights.

If applying from outside Australia, what Visa do I need?

If you are applying from outside Australia you will need a visa, please see the link below to see what visa will best suit you. Previous FPs have been using the 417 Working Holiday Visa

[Working Holiday Visa Conditions](#)

WHATS LIFE LIKE IN SYDNEY

Where would I be living?

The church is located in the Northern Beaches, Sydney. You will be hosted by a family from the church during your stay in Australia. You will be a short drive from the beach.

Does it get cold in Australia?!

Yes! Contrary to popular belief, in the winter it can get cold, but not cold enough to snow. Most houses here aren't heated and so it is as cold inside as it is outside. Be prepared and bring warm clothing!

When does the course start and end?

The course starts with 180 Youth Camp in Mid-January and finishes at the end of August. If you wish to do the FP extension, that will run right through until the end of the Australian school year in Mid-December.

Do we get any holiday time?

Roughly half-way through your term, you get 10 days off where you are free to do as you wish. This may be a good time for friends or relatives to visit if you wish or just a time to explore a bit more of the Australian scenery.

How do I get around? Will everything be in walking distance or do I need to catch a bus etc?

You will be able to walk some places. Depending on where you stay, the church office and the RSL (where our church services are held) may be within walking distance. You will need to catch a bus if you want to go anywhere else though like the Mall or into the City.