

## Calvary Chapel Georges Hall

### Youth Report - 2009

#### For the year ended 2008



2008 was an exciting year for our youth ministry. Many young lives were transformed, impacted and stirred to serve God with a greater love and determination.

#### How were Friday nights run in 2008?

In 2008 we split the group into 2 age groups; 628 and 912. 628 met from 6.30 til 7.30 and then had a half an hour of hang time with 912, before they met from 8pm til 9pm. Once a month we had a MERGE night where we were all together. On these nights, the students arrived at 6.30pm for an hour of 'hang time' before the 'main event'. The night then began with a short time of praise and worship, games and a time of encouragement and opportunities for life-change. The night finished at 8.30pm. We had outings during holidays and included many small group fun activities in our calendar during the year.

#### Leadership Development

In 2008 we started the 'Rookie' program. The student leader program was open to any student in years 11 and 12. The Rookies had firsthand experience serving and leading younger students. The Rookies were given opportunities to serve and to make Pulse all that they dreamed it to be, whilst learning leadership principles and

#### How many students attended in 2008?

The average attendance on Friday nights was steady around 70 students. Some nights we had 100 students in attendance and other nights were smaller due to parties, holidays etc.... Our biggest attendance was when Sanga came. We had 120 kids in attendance.

#### Who were the Youth Leaders in 2008?

The way that we structure our leadership has been essential for the on-going care of the students and the planning of events. In 2008, we had a great team of leaders who served our young people. These leaders each lead a youth small group and had a great influence on Friday nights. The leaders were: Joel Mortomore, Bianca Alosi, Sarah Lawson, Noah Iakopo, Esther Lawson, Grant Schofield, Rebecca Schofield, Lauren Baker and James Nery. We also had 9 students who served as Rookies. They were: Matt Tyler, Caleb Semeri, Laurence Niceta, Torie Alosi, Grant Rennie, Kirsty Terkalas, Shari Zanbaka, Brittany Mortomore and Ashleigh Baker.

In 2008 we took the Leaders on retreat mid-year to plan, strategise, encourage and build the team. This was a great time away where God's Spirit moved mightily in our hearts with a passion to see our generation experience the saving grace of God.

In 2009, 4 of our rookies and 2 leaders have moved on. Special thanks to: Bianca Alosi and Noah Iakopo for their leadership at Pulse. We will miss them at youth and want to thank them for their years of service, love and support they have given our young people.

#### What was one of the highlights of 2008?

We had many guest speakers who impacted our youth in 2008. These included; Joe Wittwer, Sanga (NSW Youth Alive Director from Hillsong), Sid Tapier (pro-skater), Andy Andrews and Ps. Tana Paulo. These nights were great target nights for the youth and we saw over 100 at each of the nights the special guests were speaking. We look forward to continued relationship with Pacifica Unite in 2009 and with Youth Alive NSW.

Thank you to our church family for your support, love and prayer covering in 2008. It is a privilege for us to serve our students.

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