

Thinking about being a Youth Ministry Officer?

YMO's talk about why they decided to apply and what they love most about their job:



Emily Towle

Youth Ministry Officer at MacKillop College

Why did you decide to do a year of youth ministry?

I've wanted this job ever since Year 9 when I came into a real relationship with Jesus, thanks to the Youth Ministers at my school at the time.

When the time came to apply, I told the school I wasn't going to. I'd begun to hate God for the things that were happening in my world. However, I promised my Leader of Evangelisation that if I found one reason to apply, then I would.

I never doubted the existence of the Lord, only his role in my life.

So, I decided to just put my broken life in God's hand and give his plan for me a chance.

What do you love most about your job?

This job allows me to, not only be myself, but to be the person that God wants me to be.

I love that all day I get to talk about how much God loves us, how much he wants for us, how much better it is to live a life with Christ on your side.

The students I get to work with are constantly teaching me new things - they breathe fresh, new energy into every part of my life.



Vincent Behan

Youth Ministry Officer at St Joseph's Regional College

Why did you decide to do a year of youth ministry?

I wanted to do a gap year and decided to apply for the role of YMO so that I could be of help to my mother with income and be close with my family one last time before I go to Newcastle University for Physiotherapy.

The role was also a good fit for me as I am passionate about helping the community and allowing others to grow positively into who they want to be. I felt it would be a good opportunity to develop new relationships with teachers and students, and to give and receive more love every day.

What do you love most about your job?

Developing new friendships with students and connecting with them on a spiritual level is something I really enjoy.

I feel close with students because, even though I finished the HSC last year, I still feel like a student myself. I can connect easily with them on lots of levels because I understand what they are going through. I love that in this role.



Emily Millan

Youth Ministry Officer at Newman Senior Technical College

Why did you decide to do a year of youth ministry?

This is actually my third year of youth ministry!

I've spent the last two years volunteering with peer to peer youth ministry teams across NSW, VIC, and SA with NET Ministries Australia.

I had this feeling deep in my heart that Jesus wasn't done with me yet, and that His work in me and through me wasn't yet finished.

I put all my trust in Him and said yes to following Him wherever He lead me, which was to Port Macquarie!

What do you love most about your job?

I love how I'm able to journey with the youth in their everyday lives; celebrate their victories, support them through their struggles, and ultimately lead their hearts closer to the One that made them.



Cassidy New (18)

Youth Ministry Officer at St Joseph' Regional College

Why did you decide to do a year of youth ministry?

I love my faith, and thought, what better way to grow in faith to explore what faith is as a YMO, with students who want the same experience.

What do you love most about your job?

I love the call to mission. I love that I have so many opportunities to change the lives of the people to whom I minister.



Hannah Post (19)

Youth Ministry Officer at Mackillop College

What made you decide to do a year of youth ministry?

God. It was something that I briefly considered as I was leaving school but I was certain that I wanted to travel and see the world beyond Australia.

I loved my year working at a school in England but when I arrived home the opportunity to do Youth Ministry and from then on it all just seemed to fall into place.

What do you love most about your job?

The students! I adore working in partnership with the students, seeing them grow and having the privilege to share in their success. I also enjoy being there as a person of support for them in times of stress or difficulty.