

Camp
Coolamatong

INTERNSHIPS

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A 12-month voluntary internship at Camp Coolamatong provides a unique experience for young adults (aged 18-24) to be a part of a vibrant team of Christians as they develop and refine leadership skills with children and youth. Interns also gain practical outdoor recreation skills as they use their gifts and talents to help children experience Jesus' love.





A UNIQUE CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Who doesn't love the feeling of being on camp? There's something about doing life while making friends and eating good food. Coolamatong is a close-knit community of people who will encourage and challenge you to be the best that you can be while making life-long memories.

As an intern, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Live in a supportive community on the beautiful Banksia Peninsula on the Gippsland Lakes
- Work towards qualifications in Outdoor Leadership or Christian Ministry
- Be mentored and equipped by experienced practitioners
- Impact the lives of more than 3,000 children and young people



MINISTRY IN THE OUTDOORS

At Coolamatong, we are committed to sharing the reality and presence of God in relevant and meaningful ways. This could be through revealing the wonder of creation, sharing a personal story, leading a discussion or theme-based activity, or just chatting with kids over a meal.

The ministry heartbeat of Coolamatong is building relationships and planting seeds that we pray will be eternally significant moments in a camper's life. We believe that camp changes lives. It has a lasting impact on not only those that come to Coolamatong but, in turn, those people that are in each camper's circle of influence.

Camp Coolamatong runs two different campsites, meaning you'll get to build relationships with a wide range of students, usually from Year 3 to Year 10. You'll come alongside kids from a diverse range of backgrounds while experiencing school camping in its many different forms.

"As an intern, I loved being able to use hands-on, outdoor adventures to build relationships with kids, teach them new skills and show them the love of Jesus. It was such a supportive and encouraging community where I was able to build strong faith foundations and take hold of the miracle of God's grace." - Tori



WHAT IS INCLUDED

Interns are provided with fully furnished accommodation (your own bedroom in a share-house onsite), and this includes all utilities and internet access. Almost all meals are provided. A shared intern car is available at a small cost for interns who hold their driver's licence but do not have their own vehicle. Interns also receive a weekly stipend to go towards the cost of personal items.

"A highlight of the internship was making connections with campers and enjoying seeing them grow during their time at Coolamatong." - Kai



"The interns develop a wonderful rapport with students in such a short period of time."
- Year 7 Coordinator

QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Our internship program provides the opportunity to:

- deepen and grow your faith as you are disciplined and mentored
- gain nationally recognised Cert IV qualifications in Outdoor Leadership or Cert III qualifications in Christian Ministry and Theology
- gain nationally recognised qualifications in First Aid, Bronze Medallion and Food Safety
- develop leadership skills, experience and training in children's and youth ministry

LIFE SKILLS

A big part of the internship is living away from home. Living with and working in a close-knit team provides the opportunity to develop the interpersonal, relational and practical skills that will equip you for years to come. Living on-site among Coolamatong residential staff and their families as well as with other interns helps to foster a sense of community. Interns are also encouraged to build a team of people who are willing to partner with them during their internship to prayerfully, practically and financially support them.





NORTHERN TERRITORY TRIP

Every July, the interns and some of the staff fly to the Northern Territory to assist with programs and camps being run by SU Australia staff and volunteers on the ground there. It is a rich time of learning and provides the opportunity to enjoy a different experience of being on mission with God.

The trip includes training in cross-cultural ministry, assisting with an indigenous youth program and visiting indigenous communities near Katherine. Beforehand, interns develop their skills further when they organise and host fundraising events to financially support the trip.



“Outstanding! The interns were a lovely group of young leaders, full of enthusiasm, and they proved to be great mentors for our students. Even during free time sessions, they were eager to participate in games or simply chat with students, which they loved.”
- Year 5/6 Teacher



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information and to enquire about applying, email coolamatong@su.org.au or go to www.campcoolamatong.com