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# 2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK AUSTRALIA EDITION

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*Experience the story.  
Make disciples.*

February 1 – May 2

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ARISE



# HELLO

So you're considering ARISE? Awesome. Maybe you heard about us from your pastor, a friend, the internet, or your brother-in-law's second cousin who spoke at a church conference last year. Regardless of how the idea got into your head, we're excited that God might be leading you in our direction.

Maybe you already know where your life is headed. Maybe you don't. Either way, we believe God has a beautiful story for your life and it's found in Scripture: you were meant to be a disciple-maker. No matter what career you choose—pastor, poet, plumber—Jesus has called all His followers to be disciple-making disciples.

The inclosed information is designed to give you a clear picture of what ARISE is all about. If you still have questions after reading, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#) directly. We're excited about the possibility of you joining our program. At the end of the day, we pray that God will use ARISE in a mighty way to make more committed disciples of Jesus.

# WHY WE EXIST

*ARISE exists to make disciple-making disciples.*

We are a discipleship training program and it's our mission to empower people to understand, experience, and share the gospel in whatever life-path they pursue or setting they find themselves in. We want to equip the church and saturate the world with gospel-centred disciples who are devoted to God and passionate about ministry in light of who He has designed them to be.

So whether you want to be a pastor, a plumber, or a biomedical engineer, we want to inspire and equip you to fulfil the gospel commission. Because we are all called to tell His story and make disciples.



GET WITH THE  
PROGRAM

# THE WAY IT WORKS

The ARISE program is made up of two main components: in-class instruction and hands-on ministry experience. We call our curriculum *The Story*. With over 290 hours of instruction, it forms the major part of the program. Classes are divided into three categories: The Story, The Telling, and Biblical Doctrines. For the hands-on portion of the program, students spend approximately 100 hours doing various forms of outreach in the community.

Our team is committed to providing a program and environment that lends itself to academic and spiritual excellence. We pour our hearts and souls into helping our students reach their full ministry potential. But we'll be the first to admit that ARISE is a little—and sometimes very—intense. During the 13 weeks, we try to include as much instruction, training, and ministry opportunity as possible without overloading our students. This is not an easy tightrope to walk, so we encourage our students to minimise distractions and maintain a healthy lifestyle so they can gain as much as possible from the training provided. Furthermore, due to the intensity of the course, students are not permitted to work or be employed while attending ARISE.

This year's ARISE program runs from February 1 to May 2. Students should plan to arrive for registration and move into their accommodation on, February 1, 2026.

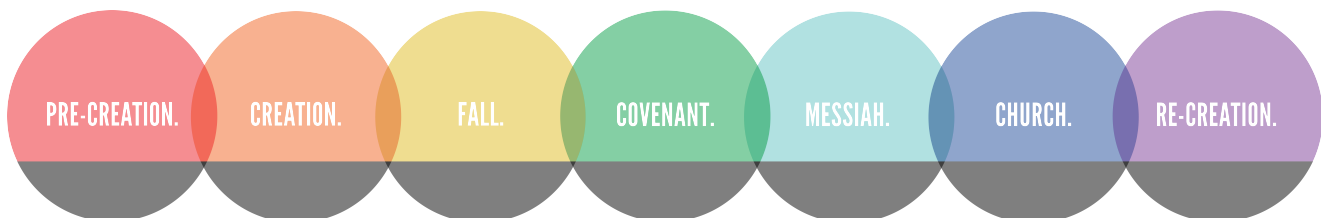
# THE STORY

The Bible is the most incredible book ever written. It's full of stories, poetry, prophecies, songs, science, romance, history, and much more. However, because of this astounding diversity, we often view the Bible the same way we view a church potluck: some things look amazing, some intriguing, and some are downright scary. And we can't seem to find a common thread tying any of it together.

At ARISE, we believe the Bible isn't just a list of ethics or a collection of random stories and historical documents. Rather, it is one big story—the story. From Genesis to Revelation, Old Testament to New, it's a grand narrative of God redeeming humanity and revealing His character through His Son, Jesus Christ. We've titled our curriculum *The Story* because we believe the Bible is best understood when we keep this framework in mind. Seeing the Bible as a story gives us a clearer picture of who God is, what He's like, and what His plan is for the world and for each of us individually. It also gives us a clear direction and sense of place when we study the Bible. Everything in Scripture fits somewhere in the narrative.

The story also changes us experientially. As we study, the Bible reveals *our* role in the story, showing us where we've come from, where we are, and where we're going. And by extension, we learn how to teach others where they've come from, where they are, and where they're going, which is essentially what it means to be a disciple-making disciple.

We've divided *The Story* into seven chronological chapters: Pre-Creation, Creation, Fall, Covenant, Messiah, Church, and Re-Creation.



Classes that follow these chapters give our students a sweeping view of the entire Biblical narrative and make up the bulk of our instruction. Our goal during the ARISE program is to immerse our students in the story of Scripture and give them the best foundation for a life of disciple-making. It doesn't take long for our students to learn that this story is one worth telling. And by God's grace, they'll share the story with others, who will share it with others, who will share it with others.

## BIBLICAL DOCTRINES

The Story also impacts our study of the Bible when it comes to doctrine. Biblical doctrines are sometimes viewed as isolated truths that are to be defended dogmatically simply because they are correct. If we're not careful, our beliefs can become weapons to prove someone else wrong. But in the context of the story, all of our doctrines and theological teachings find their proper places in relation to the character of God. Rather than being merely a collection of truths, the story tells us that every doctrine is a window through which we can see *the Truth*.

Spread throughout the program, our Biblical Doctrines classes cover the core teachings of Scripture. Each study will be faith-affirming, Christ-centred, and thoroughly biblical. Students will be taught how to give effective Bible studies that cover the [fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church](#).<sup>1</sup> They will also be taught how to address common difficult texts with effective answers using Scripture.

## THE TELLING

When it comes to sharing the story, it's not just about what you do but how you do it. Good stories need good storytellers. That's why our curriculum includes a section of instruction we call The Telling. More practical in nature, these classes are intended to get into the real-life praxis of ministry. They cover how to actually prepare and give a Bible study, how to answer tough questions about faith, and much more. Students learn how to translate the *why* of discipleship to the *how* of disciple-making, the in-class theory to real-life experience.

# OUTREACH

Ministry in the community is the heart and soul of disciple-making, and no discipleship training program would be complete without hands-on experience. The ARISE program includes outreach two to three times a week. This allows students to take their class knowledge into a real world filled with real people who have real struggles and questions. Students will be assigned outreach partners and go out in pairs. Ministry opportunities include, but are not limited to, going door-to-door, community health outreach, and other events.

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<sup>1</sup> [adventist.org/beliefs](http://adventist.org/beliefs)



# OTHER COMPONENTS

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

During the program, ARISE students memorise key passages of Scripture, 60 verses to be exact. Tests will be administered weekly by the ARISE dean. Please note that New King James and King James are the only versions that will be accepted.

## MORNING WORSHIPS

Morning worship is held every day of class and is a critical part of individual and class growth. Each student will prepare and share a thought for one of the morning worships.

## BOOK READING

Our required reading assignments are carefully designed to be engaging and informative. Once each book is completed, students will participate in a discussion of the book in assigned groups.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

While the schedule varies from week to week, most weeks will follow the times outlined below.

**Sunday:** Day off

**Monday – Thursday:**

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:45 – 9:15 am	Morning Worship
9:30 – 1:30 pm	Class
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Lunch & Personal Time
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Class (Mon & Tue)
3:00 – 7:30 pm	Outreach (Wed & Thur)

**Friday:** Class and Outreach (Occasional Fridays)

**Sabbath:** Church service - Kingscliff SDA Church

# THE STORY CURRICULUM

# THE STORY

## PROLOGUE

*So why story? What difference does it make? Prologue makes the case for the power of story and lays the framework and foundation for a narrative approach to Scripture.*

The Bigger Picture—David Asscherick

Why We Exist—Ty Gibson

## PRE-CREATION

*Most of us have read the Bible's opening line, "In the beginning God created . . ." But what was He doing before that? What kind of God is He? Chapter 1 of The Story introduces us to who God is and His eternal nature of other-centred love.*

Who is God?—Ty Gibson

## CREATION

*Love naturally finds expression, and God's love was expressed in the creation of humanity. Chapter 2 paints a picture of the world as God originally intended it to be: overflowing with complete joy, beauty, and freedom.*

Genesis 1 & 2—Ty Gibson

Sabbath—Ty Gibson

Marriage—Ty Gibson

Sexuality—Ty Gibson

Relationships—David Asscherick

Understanding Homosexuality—David Asscherick

Evolution—David Asscherick

## FALL

*God's plan was beautiful, but something went terribly wrong. His love was rejected and the freedom He gave humanity was abused. Chapter 3 dissects how this fall from love has made our world what it is today and sets the stage for the rest of Scripture.*

Origin of Evil—Ty Gibson

Theodicy—Ty Gibson

## COVENANT

*After the Fall, God does the unthinkable. He makes a promise—a covenant—to save humanity and keep loving us at any cost to Himself. Chapter 4 traces the history of God's covenantal faithfulness and humanity's consistent failure to live in light of God's promise.*

Law—Ty Gibson

Sanctuary—Ty Gibson

Daniel—Lyle Southwell

## MESSIAH

*Chapter 5 introduces us to the God who not only makes a promise but keeps it too: Messiah. The Old Testament is filled with story after story of human failure to keep covenant with God. So God Himself became one of us, doing for us what we could never do for ourselves.*

Nature of Christ—Robby Morgan

Science of Salvation—Ty Gibson

Calvary—Ty Gibson

Resurrection—Ty Gibson

Historicity—Lyle Southwell



## CHURCH

*As the disciples shared the good news of God's covenantal faithfulness, they turned the world upside down with the gospel. This is the church. Chapter 6 explains God's mission for His people and how He will see it through to completion.*

Acts—David Asscherick  
Romans—David Asscherick  
Galatians—David Asscherick  
Church History—Sukeshinie Goonatilleke  
How We Got the Bible—Robby Morgan  
Conflict Resolution—Angelo Grasso  
Stewardship—Julian Archer  
Adventist History—Blair Lemke  
Spirit of Prophecy—Glen Hughes  
Revelation—Robby Morgan  
Faith—Angelo Grasso  
Trauma—Angelo Grasso  
Healing—Angelo Grasso  
Healthy Nuggets—Melinda Archer

## RE-CREATION

*The story starts in a perfect world and ends in a perfect world. Chapter 7 reveals how God will wipe out evil once and for all, and then recreate the earth so that it is again filled with eternal beauty, love, and freedom.*

Second Coming & the Millennium—Robby Morgan  
Hell—Robby Morgan  
Heaven—Robby Morgan

## THE TELLING

Getting Connected—Robby Morgan  
Sharing Your Story—Justin Lawman  
Struggles and Addictions—David Asscherick  
Consumerism—Quintin Betteridge  
Faith and Reason—David Asscherick  
Culturally Conversant—Quintin Betteridge  
Grappling with the Old Testament—Ty Gibson  
Homiletics—Quintin Betteridge  
7 Steps of Reaching My World—David Asscherick  
The 4 All's—Boris Jovinov  
Appeals and Conviction—Justin Lawman  
Meeting People Where They Are—Angelo Grasso  
How Not to Fall Away—Robby Morgan

## BIBLICAL DOCTRINES

Word of God  
Who is God (Trinity)  
Sabbath  
Great Controversy  
Nature of Man  
Law of God  
Sabbath Study  
Sanctuary  
Judgement  
Antichrist  
70-Week Prophecy  
2300-Day Prophecy  
Salvation  
Remnant Church  
Gift of Prophecy  
Mark of the Beast  
Millennium/Hell  
Second Coming

\* Class list and instructors is subject to change.

OUR TEAM  
AND  
INSTRUCTORS

# WHO WE ARE

We're not gonna lie. The ARISE team is made up of some weird people. Diverse in backgrounds and experiences, our core staff bring together a large spread of perspectives; we are joined by our love for Jesus and a passion for discipleship.

Our instructors are leaders in their fields of ministry. Their expertise and knowledge are drawn from years of walking with Jesus and getting their hands dirty while sharing the gospel.

As a collective of sold-out Jesus-followers, we are committed to developing disciple-making disciples. All of our instructors come prepared to share potent teachings on what it means to truly understand God's love and tell His story.

## CORE TEAM



LYLE SOUTHWELL  
*Director/Instructor*



LYNDEN PARMENTER  
*Administrator*



JOELLE WEEKES  
*Student Dean*



DAVID ASSCHERICK  
*Co-Director, Light Bearers  
Ministry*



ROBBY MORGAN  
*Outreach Co-ordinator/  
Instructor*



DANIEL OEHLMANN  
*Student Dean*

## 2026 INSTRUCTORS



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Ministry*



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Ministry*



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Seventh-day Adventist World  
Church Headquarters*



BLAIR LEMKE  
*Young Adults Director, North  
NSW Conference*



ROBBY MORGAN  
*Outreach Co-ordinator/  
Instructor*



DR. GLEN HUGHES  
*Doctor in Dentistry - Lay  
Pastor, Byron Bay Adventist  
Church*



BORIS JOVINOV  
*Pastor, Murwillumbah  
Adventist Church*



SUKESHINIE  
GOONATILLEKE  
*Author - Church History*



JUSTIN LAWMAN  
*Pastor, Canberra National  
Adventist Church*



ANGELO GRASSO  
*Spiritual Care Director, Light  
Bearers. Pastor Gainesville,  
Florida.*



JARED CHUNG  
*Pastor, Murwillumbah  
Adventist Church*



QUINTIN BETTERIDGE  
*Senior Pastor, Kingscliff SDA  
Church*



STUDENT LIFE

# CAMPUS LIFE

## LOCATION

ARISE is based at the Kingscliff Adventist Church in Chinderah, New South Wales. A beach community, Chinderah and Kingscliff are suburbs close to the city of Tweed Heads. The Tweed Shire including all its towns and suburbs has a population of about 90,000.

The ARISE facilities include an office, a kitchen and hall shared with the church, and a separate, main classroom. About a 3 min. drive from the church are fields suitable for activities such as touch football, soccer, volley ball etc. Students' apartments in the nearby suburb of Kingscliff are usually within walking distance from the beach as well as the church.

## CARE OF FACILITIES

It's important to note that ARISE shares facilities with the Kingscliff Adventist Church. Because of this, we ask that students show respect for the grounds and property.

Students will also be assigned as teams within their house groups. Together, teams will be accountable to each other and responsible for respecting their neighbours and their accommodation in alignment with the desires of the real estate company.

# PERSONAL LIFE

All students are expected to live in harmony with biblical principles and to adhere to the [standards and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church](#).<sup>2</sup>

## PERSONAL DEVOTION TIME

One of the keys to experiencing the full potential of the program is faithfulness in the area of personal devotions. Personal time spent with God enables and empowers students to experience dynamic Christianity and effective ministry.

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<sup>2</sup> [adventist.org/beliefs](http://adventist.org/beliefs)

## ATTENDANCE

Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, events, and outreach projects unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the administrator beforehand. We expect students to be punctual and to show respect for instructors, staff, and fellow classmates.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Our favourite time to spend together is the Sabbath. So students should plan to attend all worship services as part of the ARISE experience. We hope that if students haven't already found the joy of this beautiful rest, that their time spent here will deepen their Sabbath experience.

## RELATIONSHIPS

All students are expected to maintain a high standard of moral purity, avoiding inappropriate attentions towards the opposite sex. Our team celebrates the gift of marriage and healthy relationships. However, due to the intensity of the ARISE program and the need to minimise distractions, students are not permitted to date or begin romantic relationships with other classmates.

## ATTIRE

As a team, we not only appreciate but celebrate personality and individuality expressed in diverse styles of clothing. We simply ask that while at ARISE, students' dress be clean and modest. It should reflect the fact that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. With that in mind, we ask that students please refrain from wearing anything that is offensive, revealing, or would be distracting.

For example, please do not wear any of the following clothing items: singlets, muscle shirts, short shorts, tops that show cleavage or midriff, dresses or skirts that are revealing, or anything see through. In class, we ask that students not wear board shorts or athletic shorts, track or sweat pants.

# EVERYDAY LIFE

## HOUSING

Students will be housed in fully-furnished holiday apartments nearby to the church, with three or four students of the same gender. The apartments come complete with pillows, sheets, towels, doonas and blankets. Students are responsible for their own toiletries. Wireless internet access is not usually available at the houses. Students are responsible for keeping their living quarters neat and clean. The staff will plan to do regular accommodation checks to ensure the cleanliness and standard of living is kept high. When moving out, the houses must be left in the same condition or better, as they were upon arrival.

## INCOMING MAIL

Mail and parcels addressed to students can be sent to the following address:

Name of Student  
c/o Kingscliff Adventist Church  
85 Phillip St  
Chinderah, NSW 2487  
AUSTRALIA

## MEALS

Vegan-vegetarian meals will be provided for breakfast and lunch from Monday through Thursday, and eaten together on campus. There will be a gluten free option (if needed) which can be selected in the application process.

Students are responsible for supper meals and all meals Friday through Sunday.

## DUTY ROTATION

Students will participate in various daily duties and jobs to keep the facilities clean, such as meal and kitchen clean-up. These duties are an important part of the program. Students will be divided into groups and put into a rotation. These duties foster a sense of unity and responsibility.

## MOBILE PHONES

Whilst we recognise that it is difficult to do life in the 2020's without a mobile phone we respectfully ask that each student refrain from using them during class time, except in the case of emergencies. There is adequate time between classes to check messages etc.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

Please note that no caffeinated beverages are to be brought on campus (e.g., coffee, certain types of tea, energy drinks, etc.).

Under no circumstances will any illicit drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, pornography, occult paraphernalia, weapons, guns of any kind, gang symbols, or any other harmful items be tolerated on campus. Discovery of any of these items may lead to immediate program dismissal, without a refund.

## STUDENT DISMISSAL

ARISE reserves the right to dismiss any student, without a refund, who consistently fails to abide by the policies and guidelines described in this handbook.

# APPLICATION DETAILS

# THE PROCESS

ARISE accepts students who have a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. Due to legal reasons, we can only accept students who are at least 18 years old by the starting date of the program.

The ARISE staff will only consider and review completed applications. The application process is as follows:

1. ARISE receives your completed application.
2. After staff review, you will be notified with either acceptance or denial by email. If you are accepted, the letter will include a URL at which you can make any necessary payments.
3. A minimum deposit payment of 50% of your tuition is due no later than 60 days prior to the start of the program.
4. The final payment of your total balance is due no later than 30 days prior to the start of the program.

A completed application includes **all** of the following:

1. A completed online ARISE application form, which must also include:
  - A link to a one-minute video telling us a bit about yourself and the reasons you want to come to ARISE. Don't overthink it. Just relax and be yourself. Feel free to be creative.
  - A recent photograph of yourself
2. Three reference forms sent directly to ARISE by the individuals that filled them out ([online preferred](#))
3. A non-refundable processing fee of \$35 (\$50 for international students)

All applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. Students will be notified in a timely manner regarding their acceptance or denial to the program. Enrolment is limited, so we encourage you to submit your application sooner than later. Rather than an application deadline, application acceptance is based on room availability and space in the class.

## REFERENCES

References are to be filled out by individuals that have known you for at least six months. Reference forms filled out by immediate or extended family members will not be accepted. Due to the nature of the questions on the form, it is ideal to find individuals that have known you in a spiritual or academic setting, though it is not required (e.g., a pastor, teacher, elder/deacon, etc.). Reference forms can be completed by sending individuals the following link .

[www.lightbearers.org/arise-australia-reference-form/](http://www.lightbearers.org/arise-australia-reference-form/)

These must remain confidential from the prospective student.

## HEALTH/MEDICAL ISSUES

Because we care deeply for the safety and best interest of the students and program, it is highly important that potential students disclose to the staff any medical or health issues that require professional attention. This includes any past, recent, or current substance abuse/addictions. Since the staff is not equipped to handle certain medical and/or health issues, a student requiring professional help may not be eligible to attend the program or, in his or her best interest, may be asked to leave the program, according to the staff's discretion.

**Please note that it is mandatory for international students to purchase travel insurance to cover the duration of their stay in Australia. Proof of travel and health insurance must be emailed to the administrator prior to arrival.**

# THE MONEY PART

## TUITION AND BOARD

The cost of the program is \$5,850. This amount includes tuition, room, and breakfast and lunch on class days. Once accepted, a minimum of 50% of tuition is due no later than 60 days prior to the start of the program. The balance is due no later than 30 days prior to the start. NOTE: For students who apply within 60 days from the start of the program, the first half of tuition is due once they've received acceptance. This deposit reserves their place in the class. If a student applies within 30 days from the start of the program, full tuition is due once an acceptance notice is received.

## RESOURCES

Please see the Resource List on page 22 for a full breakdown of required and recommended resources and their costs.

We recommend that students bring a laptop. And because of the nature of the location, accommodation, and outreach activities, it is required that all students have a mobile phone on them at all times. Local call, text and data prepaid plans are available starting from \$15/month.

## TRANSPORTATION

Students who bring vehicles must be willing to provide rides to those who do not have vehicles. All vehicles must be licensed and insured. Students who are not bringing a vehicle are required to pay a \$300 fuel fee, which helps cover the expenses for those with vehicles. Please note that this fee only applies to ARISE-related activities. Students who need rides for non-ARISE-related activities are encouraged to help the driver cover fuel and other vehicle costs.

## OVERALL COST

The following is a breakdown of the program cost:

Tuition (room/meals)	\$5,850
Application Fee	up to \$50
Required Books	up to \$80
Fuel fee	if no car \$300
<b>TOTAL (AUD)</b>	<b>\$6,280</b>

## REFUND POLICY

All cancellations must be made in writing and mailed or emailed to ARISE no less than 14 days prior to the beginning of the program for a full refund. At the discretion of the administrative team, partial refunds may be made available to cooperative students who have to withdraw within the first 14 days of the course. After the first 14 days no refund is available.

# RESOURCE LIST



# BOOKS YOU'LL NEED

The following is a list of resources for the ARISE program. Although **not all are required**, we encourage students to consider ordering the recommended resources, as they provide excellent supplementary material for the program as well as for personal ministry. The required books can be ordered from us to be ready on your arrival, or you can acquire yourself by alternate arrangement.

## REQUIRED RESOURCES

<i>Steps to Christ</i> by Ellen G. White*	\$1.00
<i>A God Named Desire</i> by Ty Gibson*	\$32.95
<i>Letters from a Skeptic</i> by Dr Gregory Boyd*	\$23.99
<i>1844 Made Simple</i> by Clifford Goldstein*	\$22.95
NKJV	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80.89</b>

## RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

<i>28 Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists</i>	\$29.95
<i>Studying Together</i> by Mark Finley	\$19.95
<i>A Brief History of SDA's</i> by George Knight	\$24.95
<i>Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings</i> by Ellen G White	\$2.95
<i>Sonship of Christ</i> by Ty Gibson	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97.80</b>

\* Indicates that the book must be read during the course to graduate.

\*\*Prices are subject to change

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# THINGS THAT GET ASKED A LOT

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO FIND OUT IF I'M ACCEPTED?

Once we receive a completed online application, application fee, and three references, we will typically review the application and email a final decision within two weeks. The longest wait is usually for reference forms, so applicants should be sure to ask their references to submit the online reference forms as soon as possible.

## CAN I GET COLLEGE CREDIT FOR ATTENDING THE ARISE PROGRAM?

ARISE is not an accredited school. Therefore, we cannot guarantee college/university credit for completing the program. Although ARISE is able to issue a transcript, it is at the discretion of each receiving school whether or not they will validate completion of the ARISE training towards academic credit(s).

## AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, DOES ARISE HELP ME GET A VISA?

Since ARISE is not an accredited school, attendees of our program are not officially students from an immigration standpoint. Therefore, a student visa is not required. International attendees typically apply for a Visitor visa (subclass 600). Those considering the ARISE for Life program, who are aged 18-30, may wish to apply for a working holiday visa (subclasses 417 or 462), valid for up to a year. Prospective attendees must contact their country's immigration office for details; we are not an authority on visas. At the time of acceptance, ARISE will provide international attendees with an official invitation letter, which includes dates, housing information, ARISE's address, a description of the program, etc.

## IS THE ETA VISA ACCEPTABLE?

No. An ETA visa is only valid for up to a 3-month stay, and therefore is not suitable for the ARISE program. Please see the previous section for suggestions regarding visas.

## HOW DOES ARISE COMPARE TO OTHER EVANGELISM SCHOOLS?

Because we have not done comparative research on any other program, the best way to see the difference between our program and any other is to compare the information (curriculum, instructors, philosophy, format, etc.) from each school. All of our information is available on our website. An important thing to note is that our primary goal is not to train Bible workers, pastors, or evangelists, though some graduates do follow those career paths. Rather, our goal is to develop disciples and strengthen their relationships with Christ. Most of our students do not come with the purpose of going into full-time ministry. Though some feel called to full-time ministry after the program, most graduates go back to their schools, churches, and communities as lay members who have a passion to spread the gospel.

## WHAT IS THE TYPICAL AGE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE PROGRAM?

We only accept students that are at least 18 years old by the time the program begins (or soon after). However, there is no age limit in our program. The majority of our students are typically between 18-30, but we've also had students in their 40s, 50s, and 60s, and beyond.

## WHAT IS THE TYPICAL SIZE OF A CLASS?

We usually plan our class sizes to be around 30-40 students, which allows for ideal group dynamics.

## CAN I WORK OR STUDY WHILE ATTENDING ARISE?

Due to the very intense schedule and the need to be focused throughout the program, students are not allowed to work or take other classes while attending ARISE.

## DOES ARISE HAVE WORK THAT I CAN DO TO HELP PAY FOR MY TUITION?

ARISE does not have any work positions available before, during, or after the program for students. Furthermore, our policy states that the full tuition amount must be paid no later than 30 days prior to the start of the program.

## WHAT AM I EQUIPPED TO DO AFTER THE PROGRAM?

ARISE is a discipleship training program that aims to teach the loving character of God through the biblical narrative and to give instruction on how to be an effective witness for Christ. Lord willing, this will result in our students going back to their jobs, schools, and churches as on-fire disciples for Jesus. Some graduates feel called by God to go into full-time ministry, and our program can help build a foundation for that. However, our primary goal is to equip people to be disciples in any career path they pursue or walk of life.

## DOES ARISE HIRE GRADUATES OR PLACE THEM IN MINISTRY POSITIONS?

We do not hire graduates and cannot guarantee full- or part-time ministry positions elsewhere after the completion of the program. However, if we receive calls from churches, conferences, or ministries with job opportunities, we send them recommendations of graduates that we think could be a good fit. These recommendations are made on a case-by-case basis.

## WHAT IS ARISE FOR LIFE?

Following on from the 13 week course, students will have the opportunity to apply for the ARISE For Life program. This is a great option for students wanting to further their experience in door-to-door ministry, Bible work and evangelism. Beginning about three weeks after ARISE ends, ARISE for Life students will be assigned a mentor in a church, school or evangelistic team in the NNSW conference, under a 6 month volunteer agreement. They will receive their tuition back in weekly increments, as well as have accommodation provided. The program includes activities and goals such as: book-reading, writing Bible studies, finding at least 10 people to study the Bible with, and 10 hours of door knocking each week; these can vary from placement to placement. On average, 50% of ARISE students are accepted into the ARISE for Life program. International students may want to consider this when applying for visas or considering their local options for transport and vehicles. Please see the previous page for suggestions regarding visas.

TAKE YOUR  
NEXT STEP

# MAKE YOUR MOVE

So you made it to the end. Congratulations.

Just in case you missed it, here it is one last time: disciple-making is our passion. It's why we get up in the morning and what we think about as we fall asleep at night. Whether you feel called to take the gospel story to a corporate office downtown or to a cannibalistic tribe in a far-flung country, we want to empower you to make disciples wherever you are. So if you're interested in stepping outside of your comfort zone, growing in your walk with Jesus, enhancing your personal growth, and getting experience in ministry, please consider the ARISE program. We'd love to see you in February 2026!

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