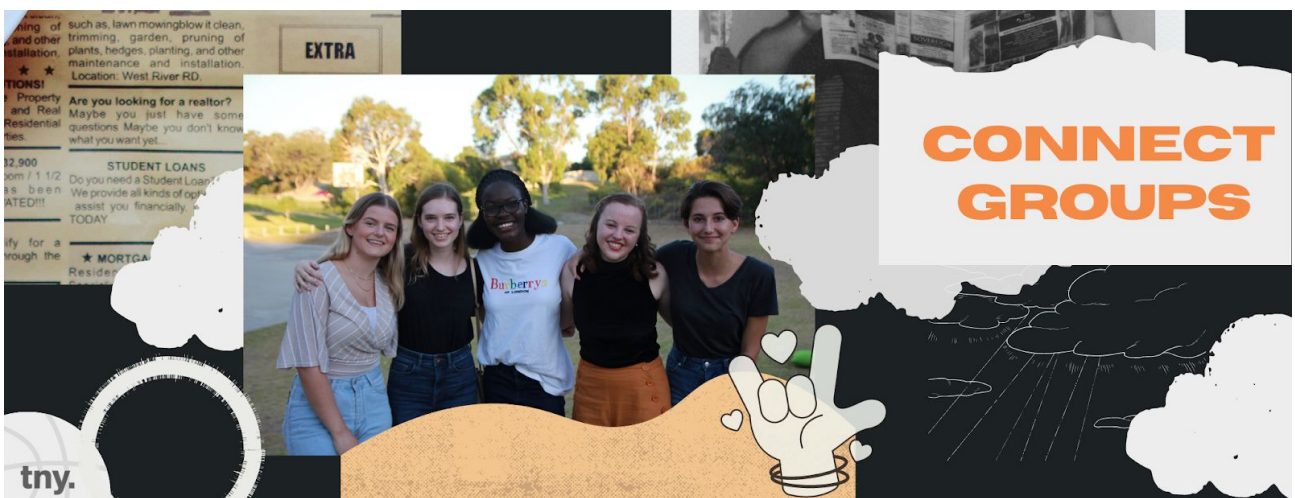




Hey Parents and High School Students,

TRUE NORTH YOUTH INVITES YOU TO JOIN A CONNECT GROUP

At TNY, our three core values are Faith, Fun and Together. We believe that connection through close relationships is what can encourage young people to grow. Therefore to help build these relationships, we have boys and girls connect groups based on each year group at TNY. We would love for your child to be a part of one! These groups primarily meet on Fridays at TNY as well as over WhatsApp Group messaging and occasional planned group hangs outside TNY.



WhatsApp Groups - for weekly information about youth!

To ensure the safety of connect groups and to build community we have chosen to formalise our group messaging over [WhatsApp](#). This is a free group messaging platform accessible to any smartphone with a mobile number.



Each connect leader is the host of their group and also has information on how you can be added to an 'eGroup'. This group is also where leaders will send the details for what is happening at TNY every Friday night.

If you have any questions about the functionality or safety of WhatsApp however, please feel free to contact us and we would love to chat anything through!

Connect Group Hangs

Usually once during each school holidays, Connect Group Leaders will host a connect event with your child's connect group. This may be going bowling, going to McDonalds, to 115 for a coffee catch up or anything decided by the connect leader and communicated to parents!

The hope from these occasional events is to build deeper relationships amongst the connect group at a time that school is not happening as often. These events may also include a short devotional moment from a leader or peer to encourage the group in their faith!



Thank you and your families so much for the part you play in our 'TNYFam'.

We are praying for you and are committed to supporting in any way that we can. Please let us know if there is anything specifically that you need, and see below for some FAQ's, but otherwise we'd love to hear from you if there are any other questions we can help with.

Blessings,

John Ingham and the TNY Team ☺

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FAQ

How do I make sure that my teenager is in their WhatsApp Group?

When your child first attends TNY, they should be contacted by a Connect Leader and invited to join a WhatsApp Group. However, if this is not the case, please fill out this short form on the TNY Page:

<https://truenorthonline.elvanto.com.au/form/5c876b5e-39a3-4f1d-8120-b4f526b12060/>.

My Child does not have social media and I do not wish for them to have to make any accounts.

We completely understand this and have kept this in mind when planning our 'eGroups'. WhatsApp is an alternative to a regular Social Media Platform in that it is, in a sense, a 'free text messaging service' with better access to group messaging than phone messaging. Your child will only be able to access this through their phone number and no 'account' is required to be made. However, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any other queries or concerns regarding this and how we can partner with your family!

We are having issues with WhatsApp.

For any technical issues, please contact us by sending a private message to True North Youth on Facebook or Instagram. Alternatively, you can contact a connect group leader or feel to contact John Ingham (0410080658) or Mon Schokman (0404322276).