



SUPA CLUB

Team Member Information

Thank you for your interest in becoming part of a SUPA Club team at your local Primary School.

This information is designed to help you find out what SUPA Clubs are and what the requirements are for being appointed as a Team Member.

SUPA clubs provide another exciting way of engaging the Christian community with the life of local schools and we look forward to partnering with you in this venture. **SU ACT (Scripture Union ACT)** is part of the international Scripture Union movement; SU ACT is an inter-denominational Christian organisation that is dedicated to providing youth and children with professional care and a Christian message to help them find hope and purpose.

SU ACT employs approximately 40 staff and chaplains and relies on a force of more than 70 volunteers for SUPA clubs alone who dedicate their time and energy to working with primary aged children.

SU ACT looks after young people through a range of services, including chaplains in schools, a camping program, community outreaches, holiday clubs, SUPA clubs, and specialist help in primary and secondary schools.

What are SUPA Clubs? SUPA Clubs are a long established part of SU ACT's work with primary aged children. They are groups that meet regularly and all children attend on a voluntary basis with parental permission. They operate with the approval of the Principal of the school, and with the help of volunteers from local Christian churches working together. A SUPA Club team is made up of a Team Leader and any number of Team Members). SUPA Clubs are run at a time and place appropriate to the school community and are designed for children in Years K-6. **SUPA Clubs** provide the opportunity to do some, or all, of following:

Support Christian Children - SUPA Clubs can provide a structured and safe environment to support and strengthen Christian children in their faith.

Faith Nurture - SUPA Clubs provide a model of supporting and developing a child's faith journey.

Social Skills Development - Through SUPA Clubs children are able to build supportive friendships and to learn important skills to assist them in their social development.

The SUPA Club Team Member (Volunteer Leader)

SUPA Club Team Members are Christians who volunteer from the school staff or from local Christian churches.

Each club must have a minimum of three leaders, preferably from different denominations. Team Members are appointed with the approval of SU ACT.

SU ACT has a responsibility to ensure that in all our work within schools we operate within the legislation Education Act policy and guidelines. This approach is consistent with SU ACT's commitment to safety, care and integrity.

All the leaders are responsible for the activities of the club as well as ensuring that, under the direction of their Team Leader, the club functions in accordance within the guidelines of the Education ACT, the school and SU ACT.

In matters of faith development, SUPA Club Team Members have a particular role in supporting and nurturing the faith of students who either have families with a Christian affiliation or who are supportive of their children exploring Christian beliefs.

Each SUPA Club Team Member must therefore:

- be a person whose beliefs and lifestyle reflect a Biblical understanding of a commitment to the teachings, life and person of Jesus Christ;
- be actively involved in the life of a local Christian church;
- be committed to SU ACT's approach to working with children.

The SUPA Club Team Leader

This is a person who volunteers to take on the responsibility for the oversight of the SUPA Club. Team Leaders are approved and appointed by SU ACT. More information regarding the role and responsibilities of the Team Leader can be found in the SUPA Club Team Leaders Handbook.

Where do I go from here?

Firstly, you should prayerfully consider your own commitment and availability to the SUPA Club. It is then essential that you receive approval from SU ACT before you begin serving as a SUPA Club Team Member. you have received this approval you may then begin to serve as a SUPA Club Team Member.

Volunteer Application Process

Volunteers need to complete the following screening process.

1. Submit an application form with two referee reports
2. Complete and submit a Police Check form
3. Attend an orientation meeting with their SUPA team

Getting Started

All team members need to complete the Application Process.

Complete a yearly registration process

Give your school a certificate of currency and ask them to sign 'Permission to Proceed' form

For more information

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