



GIRLS' BRIGADE

Western Australia

Parent Handbook



What is Girls' Brigade?

The Girls' Brigade is a vibrant International community providing activities for girls of all ages around the globe. Girls' Brigade has been impacting girls lives for over 125 years.

Girls' Brigade is a relationship building program which has been developed especially for girls, incorporating physical, social, educational and spiritual aspects.

With a motto of **seek, serve and follow Christ** the leaders aim to show Christ's love to the girls.

Girls' Brigade Australia is built on six core values:

Community: We promote a sense of community and belonging within our companies and churches.

Fun: We have fun in everything we do!

Living: We live our lives with God as the centre. Our relationships are centred on Him and we rely on His word for teaching and direction.

Partnering: We partner with churches to reach local communities with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Safety: We require safety for all our girls and leaders.

Uniqueness: We accept the uniqueness of each girl and leader, using our individual talents to serve others as we grow together.

Aim: To help girls become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through self control, reverence and a sense of responsibility find true enrichment of life.



Community



Fun



Living



Partnering



Safety



Uniqueness



How Do I Register my Daughter?

Operoo is our registration platform. It is an easy to use database which allows us to stay in contact, keep track of the girl's medical information and notify parents of upcoming events. You can use it online or download the free app.

When you have enrolled your daughter at a company, the Captain will send you a registration email. Follow the link to complete your daughter's profile. Fees are payable to each company.

For information about how Operoo works, privacy policy and parent support videos head to www.operoo.com

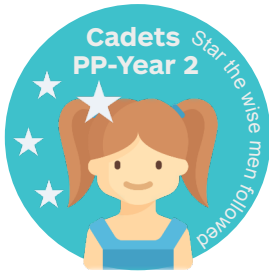


At Girls' Brigade we value the safety of all girls, leaders and programs. All our leaders are trained through Childsafe and our programs are checked rigorously to make sure they comply with safe practices.

If you have any questions regarding any safety issues please contact our State RMO (risk management officer) at warmo@girlsbrigade.org.au



The Girls' Brigade Crest is our International unifying symbol, worn as part of the uniform all around the world and it has a wonderful message:
In the Centre a **CROSS**, the symbol of Christ and His Church,
below it a **LAMP**, that our light may shine out upon the world; above it a **CROWN**, that we may know Christ as our King;
and behind it all a **TORCH**, a flame of Christ's loving Spirit.



Cadets



Cadets are our youngest unit at Girls' Brigade. They range in age from Pre-Primary to Year 2 and have a lot of fun. They enjoy games, crafts, cooking and so much more.

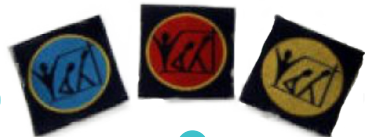
Each year girls earn a star shaped badge which represents the *star that led the wise men to Jesus*. Cadets are just beginning their journey to following Jesus and in Brigade.

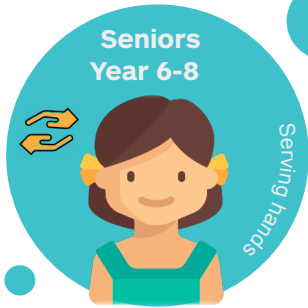
Juniors



Juniors range in age from year 3-5. The girls can earn circle shaped badges each year which represent our motto of *seek, serve and follow Christ*. To earn a badge the girls cover a range of topics which all have elements of, physical, spiritual, educational and social learning.

Juniors love making friends, cooking, craft, devotions, learning about GB in other countries and more. Juniors always have fun at GB!





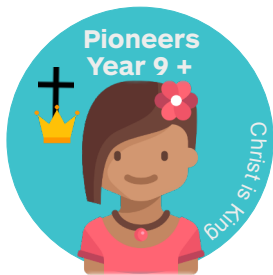
Seniors



Seniors are a very social group of tweens. They earn one rectangular badge a year which represents *serving hands*. Each badge has elements of social, physical, educational and spiritual learning. The girls learn skills that will help them in their everyday lives as they grow up and become young ladies.

Seniors also get the opportunity to attend a State wide adventure camp. Girls can challenge themselves with high ropes, abseiling, canoeing and more. This is always a highlight for the girls and is extremely popular.





Pioneers

Pioneers has a focus on helping girls develop into young women while encouraging them in leadership, teaching them life skills and allowing them to grow in their faith. They earn triangular badges which have a meaning of *Christ the King*. In addition to the badge they earn each year, Pioneers have many extra opportunities available to them.

The Pioneer Pin is the highest National Award that the girls can earn in GB. They need to complete all 3 triangles, 6 months company service, 2 PLT braids and attend an interview with a panel of state personnel.

The Queen's Award is the highest International Award girls can earn. Girls need to have gained their Pioneer Pin, complete 6 months community service, a project, 2 initiative tasks, an interview and a mentoring process.

Both of these awards can be used for WACE accreditation.



Pioneer Awards



Pioneer Pin



Queen's Award



PLT

PLT (Pioneer Leadership Training) is a set of 6 extra badges for the girls to earn. Each one covers different aspects of leadership and provide the girls with invaluable skills that they can use in any workplace.

FONO

Fonomarae is a national camp for Pioneers. At Fono, girls have lots of fun, make lifelong friends and are challenged in their faith. The week is jam packed full of activities, challenges and sightseeing! There is also the opportunity to attend International Fonos.

Fonomarae: meeting place

Leadership

Leadership is a week long, personal and spiritual leadership training course.

Vision: Young women transformed by Christ, empowered and equipped to live authentic, influential lives.

Duke of Ed

This Internationally recognised youth award is designed to encourage the development of positive skills and lifestyle habits. It can be earned through GB.

United Nations

Girls are given the opportunity to apply to represent GB at the UN.

Our Uniform

As a uniformed organisation, our girls and leaders take pride in their uniforms. Our uniform, for both girls and leaders, helps create a sense of responsibility and belonging. There are a few options depending on which company you attend. Please check with your Captain before ordering.

Uniforms can be purchased online at girlsbrigade.org.au/shop

(As the shop is based on the East coast, please allow 2-3 weeks for processing and postage.)



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