

## **Lighthouse youth 2019**

### **Introduction**

The vision of lighthouse youth is to be the light in our community that brings people to Christ. Our theme verse is Matthew 5:16-17 which informs the vision. Our aim every day is to help people be the light by loving Christ and loving each other. Every event we do is designed to accomplish this vision. In that light, we have events weekly, monthly and even quarterly with young people. This year, we are focussed on the following.

### **Thursday and Friday night youth groups.**

These nights give us a chance to interact with the young people weekly. Thursday night is designed for high school age, and is focussed on growing relationships and deepening them through life discussions and spiritual challenges. We encourage the young people to live out their spirituality in their daily lives. This term, we will be focussed on evangelism. We want the young people to feel confident enough to invite their friends along to youth group, and to Easter camp as well. We will have an invite a friend evening, and a place where we can share the gospel as well. Friday night is basically the same, but for the intermediates and year 9's. We try and keep it light and easy for the younger ones. We still focus a lot on prayer, and have designed various ways to help them pray and connect to God, and also read the word of God. We continue to do the same this year.

### **Cashmere project.**

This remains a big part of our outreach. We now have a permanent presence at cashmere high, and the administration is very supportive. Being focussed on evangelism this term means that we are holding a sausage sizzle for everyone in the school at the beginning of the term. In the process, we will hand out some fliers and talk to the students about cashmere project. We still need monetary support in order to keep the Friday lunchtime food programme going.

### **24/7 youth work.**

After two years of planning and prayer, we finally managed to get a 24/7 youth worker into cashmere high school. 24/7 works together with the schools and the churches to get youth workers (provided by the churches) into the school. These youth workers get alongside the students and become their mentors, and develop relationships with them. Ciru Muriuki, one of our youth interns has been doing this since last term, and we are starting to see tangible evidence of her work through the relationships formed. Funding-wise, the 24/7 trust gives half the funding, the school gives a quarter of the funding and the church gives a quarter of the funding. (The total budget per year is about \$25,000). I am graciously asking for monetary support on this front, so that we can keep having our youth worker on this role.

### **Cookies and Brainstorms**

This is our young adults group that meets fortnightly. They are mostly University students and some year 13's. We are exploring the possibility of doing Alpha this term.