

Synergy Grant Assists Launch of After School Program



The Heights Family Church of Christ received a Synergy Grant from the Churches of Christ in NSW to assist in the launch of OOSH, a government accredited and funded after school program.

Matt Kemp leads a team of volunteers in this new ministry that provides a much needed service to families in Lambton, a suburb of Newcastle. The grant assisted with administrative costs in the initial stages of the program that is now funded by government grants and parent fees.

OOSH stands for Outside Of School Hours. The program runs before and after school and provides care, encouragement, education and fun. More than thirty families benefit in the program that emphasises Christian values and provides relational opportunities to connection to the local church.

There are plenty of opportunities to provide pastoral care and support. More and more families are requesting assistance with their physical, emotional or spiritual needs. The program provides ministry staff who are involved in every spect of OOSH.

OOSH is run within the facilities of The Heights Church of Christ. The church provides a solid base of volunteers and energy that enables the program to have a life of its own. The program was established with the idea that it may become a model that can be replicated in other locations in the state. It is designed to meet a need of everyday families.

This is a ministry that connects the life and resources of the church to the everyday needs of local families. Please be praying that God will use this ministry as a beachhead to advance his kingdom in the Newcastle area.



Some of the children that attend OOSH