



Youth Program

Supporting Youth to achieve better outcomes and reconnect to a life without crime.

What is the Youth Program?

The Youth Program is a comprehensive initiative addressing the diverse needs of young people engaged or at risk of engagement in the justice system.

Operating seven days a week, the program, supported by experienced Youth Case Workers and Youth Counsellors, provides guidance and opportunities for positive futures, through comprehensive case management, activity-based interventions and developing strong support networks.

We are welcoming and inclusive

We recognise that diversity and inclusion is key to individual, family and community wellbeing.

CatholicCare embraces diversity in Australian communities and welcomes people and families from all faiths and backgrounds to engage with our business, social, and community services. No matter where you were born, how you identify, or who you love, everyone is welcome here.

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Who is eligible for the Youth Program?

Covering the Darling Downs, Goondiwindi, and South West Queensland, our program is open to young people who meet specific criteria, including youth who:

- » have committed or are alleged to have committed an offence,
- » are at risk of remand in custody due to a lack of positive support in their community,
- » are exiting detention and at risk of re-offending,
- » are appearing in court on offences and at risk of remand in custody,
- » have been granted bail and require support to meet the conditions of bail,
- » are at risk of engaging in the justice system.

Supporting young people to achieve better outcomes.

The Youth Program is dedicated to supporting young people, their families and other agencies to support positive outcomes in the following areas:

- » reduction in offending,
- » enhanced strengths and well-being,
- » increased cultural connectedness,
- » stronger family/kin relationships,
- » active community participation in areas such as learning, employment, and housing,
- » reduced engagement with the Youth Justice system, and
- » the successful granting of bail with the capacity to meet its conditions.



Artwork by Jess Stanley a descendant of the Gunggari People.

How does the program support youth?

We focus on creating strong networks of support young people can lean on for years to come. Our assistance ranges from developing prosocial behaviours to connecting with healthy activities and relationships.

Support is delivered through individual and group therapeutic programs, tailored to the individual.

Our program is heavily entrenched in a trauma-informed model that builds on and supports the goals and interventions that have been determined by the individual, their family and the referring agency.

Our network of support includes:

- » Health services
- » Drug and Alcohol services
- » Housing
- » Education
- » Employment
- » Cultural Advisors and partners

Who can refer participants to the Youth Program?

Our Referring agencies include:

- » Department of Youth Justice
- » Department of Child Safety
- » Queensland Health
- » Education Queensland
- » General Practitioners
- » Self-referral

Supporting agencies for better outcomes

The Youth Program offers a case management model, with a designated intake worker for your agency to connect with regarding any inquiries.

We work closely with agencies and other service providers to provide a wraparound service that **meets the needs of both early and intensive intervention criteria**, reducing the ongoing risk of further offending.

The referral process

Referrers are asked to complete a referral form and send it through to our **YouthIntake@catholiccare.services**, or alternatively connect and request a referral form.

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