

Dear NCYC Delegate,

We're really excited that we will soon meet you at NCYC09 in Melbourne. There are all sorts of plans being finalised and volunteers are working very hard to make sure that NCYC will be "possibly the greatest Seven days since Genesis"!

By now you should have:

1. Paid all your registration fees – if you haven't then please do so immediately!
2. Filled in your NCYC consent form, your participant declaration form and your photo release form. If you have not filled these forms in or sent them to us, please do as soon as possible to NCYC 1 Morrison Close Parkville, 3052. If you have lost your forms or don't remember getting them please contact us on 1300 00 NCYC (*this number will be the contact number during 3rd-9th of January as well!*) and we will get you copies.

Along with this letter is a list of the things we need you to bring to NCYC, and medication form for you to bring with you if needed. Remember, Melbourne's weather can be a bit unpredictable – even though it is summer it can also be wet and a little colder than you might be used to. But it can also be really hot – so be prepared!

A couple of things you need to know about registering on Day 1 of NCYC.

Registrations will take place at Genazzano College on the corner of Cotham Road and Mont Victor Road in Kew. For those who have a Melways map the reference is 45 J6. **Registrations begin at 10am on Saturday 3rd January 2009 and close at 3.00pm.**

During registration time there will be some fun activities and food to purchase (so bring some money for lunch if you need to). Then a shuttle bus will take you to your community to unpack and settle in.

At registration you will get a name badge, a wristband, your community, Submersion activity, Bible study and lots of other information you will need for NCYC. Registration is also a time to let us know of any updated details, medical requirements, etc.

Our registration process only begins at 10am on Saturday 3rd January 2009, so if you arrive in Melbourne before that date please have fun looking around our great city.

While registrations are open between 10am and 3pm, if your plane, train or bus doesn't arrive until after 3pm, could you please let the office know (1300 00 NCYC) your estimated time of arrival? If you do arrive after 3pm you will need to come directly to our main venue MLC: (Methodist Ladies College) 207 Barkers Road Kew.

We will then all CONVERGE at MLC for our evening meal from 5.30pm and our first worship together as NCYC09! Our worship that night is entitled a "Public Worship time". This means that whoever is bringing you to NCYC09 can also stay on and join us in worship (7-8.30pm). That means they can get a taste of some of the things we will be doing and experiencing during NCYC, so don't forget to ask them to join us.

There are a number of people to keep your eyes out for – Marks (look out for the fluoro orange tee shirts), Adult Volunteers (bright coloured sashes), Chaplains (purple bucket hats), and all the other delegates who will be in your community. There is one other important thing you can do when you see these volunteers, please take the time to say thank you to them, they are helping us make NCYC09 an unforgettable experience for you.

By now you should have selected your choices for Submersions and Bible studies. If we haven't heard from you about this you will be allocated a Submersion activity and Bible study stream. You can find out all about them when you register.

Depending on interest, we may be able to help you with transport from either Tullamarine Airport or Avalon airport, or from Southern Cross train station (formerly known as Spencer Street Station). If you are interested in being picked up from these locations you will need to let the NCYC09 office know by **Monday 29th December 2008, and we will notify you of details and costs if there are enough people for this service.**

If you choose to bring valuables with you to NCYC, like ipods, mobile phones, cameras or musical instruments NCYC is not responsible for their safety. Please make sure you keep them securely with you at all times or you can bring a padlock to use the school lockers at MLC.

NCYC finishes on Friday 9th January 2009 at 12.30pm. Please make sure you know where you are going once convention ends.

Remember Mark's Gospel is our focus for NCYC, so if you want to get a bit prepared, or are just so excited about coming to NCYC that you can't wait any longer, feel totally free to have a read of Mark before you arrive. You never know, it could just be useful!

We are really looking forward to meeting you as we all CONVERGE in Melbourne on Saturday 3rd January 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rohan Pryor', written in a cursive style.

Rohan Pryor
NCYC09 Convention Coordinator