

WHO IS IT FOR?

The Compass Schools Conference is aimed at year 12 students (in 2011), particularly those who have demonstrated the potential to be future influencers for Christ in society. Students who will benefit the most are those who are willing to thoughtfully and actively engage.

CONTACT DETAILS

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A SMALL GROUP WHO CHANGED THE WORLD...

Throughout history, faithful men and women have worked out the implications of the gospel in culture, translating the new creation into their societies.

Few examples are as inspiring as that of the Clapham group in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, a group that included William Wilberforce (politician), Henry Thornton (businessman), Hannah More (writer and educationalist), James Stephen (lawyer), John Venn (evangelical vicar), and many others.

Over fifty years from the late 1780s, they and their mentors and proteges were instrumental in an extraordinarily broad range of reforms. These included the abolition of slavery, sending missionaries to India, Africa and Australia, founding the RSPCA, instituting paper currency, Parliamentary and electoral reform, and the early development of the public education system.

They published newspapers, organised petitions, conducted detailed research into numerous issues, established schools, wrote best-selling books and founded hundreds of societies and organisations.

Yet, at the core of their success remained a vibrant faith, a worldview deeply shaped by the Bible, and the simple and easy fellowship that these diverse talented and connected individuals maintained for decades. Through the Compass schools conference and the networks that evolve far beyond any conference, we hope to see the same sort of Biblically-shaped engagement develop in twenty-first century Australia.

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Schools Conference 2011

Saturday 5 – Tuesday 8 March 2011
Rydges Eagle Hawk Resort, Canberra

WHY?

Many young adults fail to see how their faith applies to their daily lives, their vocations and the issues of our world. As a result, some lose their faith and many more are sidelined from living lives of influence because of a failure to see how the Gospel changes everything.

The Compass Schools Conference aims to address this disconnect by looking at how the Bible shapes our worldviews, and by wrestling with the implications of the Gospel for contemporary issues of culture and society.

We hope to see young adults challenged to live as leaders who faithfully translate the Gospel into the culture around them.

WHAT?

The Compass Schools Conference is a four day residential conference for exceptional year 12 students. Through the Biblical themes of creation, fall and redemption, students will be encouraged to wrestle with how their faith, life and vocation connect.

Activities include lectures, discussion forums and small groups, as well as organised visits to the Federal Parliament, the Australian War Memorial, and plenty of time for fun and meeting other students.

WHEN AND WHERE?

12:30 pm Saturday 5 March - 11 am Tuesday 8 March 2011

Rydges Eagle Hawk Resort, Federal Highway, Canberra

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Greg Fleming

Greg is the CEO of Maxim Institute (an independent New Zealand policy think tank) in New Zealand. He started his career in finance before spending four years as General Manager of Parenting with Confidence. Greg hails from the Wairarapa and is married with five children.



Dr Rod Thompson

Rod is the Principal of Laidlaw College in Auckland. Hailing from Sydney, he is married with four children, and has worked as a teacher in Christian and State schools, as a Presbyterian Minister for 15 years, as programme leader of the Worldview Department at MASTERS Institute in Auckland and as the Executive Officer for Vision Development at Christian Parent Controlled Schools Australia (now Christian Education National).



David Yates

David is the Director of Compass Australia. He has a passion for helping young adults think about their vocation in light of the Bible. He studied chemistry and physics at university, has an MBA, served as a strategist for the Department of Defence, and spent three years as Chief of Staff for the Australian Christian Lobby. He is married with two children and another on the way.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY...

"The speakers were fantastic and their content was challenging and encouraging."

Year 12 student from South Australia

"Meeting other Christians my age and connecting with them was awesome, and the teaching really made me think."

Year 12 student from New South Wales

WHAT TEACHERS SAY...

"A highlight was seeing my students mixing in with other Christian kids from around Australia and sharing and worshipping together."

Teacher from Queensland

"Australia has some wonderful young people and this conference has made a significant impact towards the development of their spiritual framework."

Head of Senior School from Victoria

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Early registration (before 26 November) \$440

Late registration (after 26 November) \$480

Accompanying staff \$390

(Due to flight costs, the price for WA students and teachers is reduced by 50%)

HOW TO REGISTER

Schools must register students and teachers online at www.compass.org.au (click on the Compass Schools Conference link)

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