

dcypher 2015

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A note to parents/guardians from the dcypher team...

Hi, and thanks for being a part of this year's dcypher camp! This year's camp boasts late night gaming sessions (& sleeping in!), a Zone3 Laser session, interactive challenges and time out to chat about some of life's issues from a Christian perspective.

With each camper bringing their own computer (unless they're using one of our supplied systems), there are many potential technical issues. This year, not only does our leadership team have years of experience working with young people, but are also competent computer technicians, with much experience in diagnosing and solving computer problems. So we're all in good hands!

Below are the details of the camp. Please turn over for important information about the camp. I have included in this letter a permission/medical form for you to fill out and sign.

****Please ensure these come with your child to camp.****

Some more details you'll need to know:

-Registration **3-4pm on Thursday 15th Jan @Worldview Centre** (Auditorium)
41 Station Road, St Leonards **PLEASE NOTE: we cannot permit entry to the building prior to 3pm**

-dcypher finishes at **1:30pm on Sunday 12th Jan** (pick up point same as above)

-Full payment / Balance of payment(\$130) is required on the day. (credit card/
cheque/cash)

-Need to bring:

Computer, screen, power cables (powerboard provided), keyboard & mouse +pad, headphones, **canteen \$\$**, Sleeping bag/doona, sheet, pillow & case, toiletries, towel, changes of clothes & underwear, sturdy shoes (if you're borrowing a computer, you must still bring headphones)

-Please don't bring:

Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, more than one monitor/screen, computer speakers, desk lamps, portable games, norton firewalls, cats.

****Please also be aware of bringing portable valuables (lotsa cash, ipod, camera) as these are more prone to being lost/stolen and you don't need them.**

If you have any questions about any of the information above then please contact Andrew Turner by phone or email: 0416 050 575 / andrew.turner@sutas.org.au
There is also an extensive FAQ section on the dcypher website: www.dcypher.org



There are a few important details you need to be aware of to ensure dcypher runs as smoothly as possible:

~Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect each computer at the camp (including the housing of computers in an alarmed & monitored building) but there is always the risk that something might happen that is beyond our control and you should be aware that hardware and software are brought to the camp at the owner's risk.

~On a similar theme, there is an absolute need for each computer to have all essential files backed up before coming to dcypher.

~The dcypher team want to make the camp the best experience possible for the campers, and working computers are essential for participation in the gaming parts of the camp. Computer games (and gamers) place a high strain on all aspects of a computer and achieving the best performance and reliability may require some adjustments to the system. As such, it is essential that the technical staff are permitted to make any necessary changes to a computer's configuration (hardware and software) if problems arise.

~In most cases, we will need to install some software on each computer - including games, anti-virus software (as necessary) and other programs as may be needed for the running of the event.

~The main games we will be playing at dcypher are either free, or owned by us and will be distributed at the camp. Any other games that are brought to camp will need to be fully licensed versions. An important thing we wanted to bring to your attention is the selection of games that will be played at dcypher. The dcypher team have gone to great lengths to find and select the games that will be used, taking many things into consideration including screening for appropriate content. The final list of games does include some with a MA15+ rating. The reason for this rating is that these games contain violence and gore (blood). The depiction of blood in these games can sometimes be reduced or removed entirely via a game setting, and this will be done where possible for each game the team installs at the camp if required by you.

~If you have Steam installed on your computer, make sure it's fully updated and put it in offline mode before you turn your computer off to come to camp.

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