

# **Kioloa SUFM information kit**

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The intention of this leaflet is to answer common questions about mission at Kioloa (pronounced “Ki-ol-ah”). Attached is a sheet with details, dates, fees, and contact people as well as a registration form. If any of your questions remain unanswered, please feel free to contact any leader or the team member who has given you this. We trust that these pages are informative and we look forward to the possibility of serving with you on mission this year.

## **what does SUFM mean?**

- SUFM stands for Scripture Union Family Mission. Over fifty of these run up and down the NSW coast (plus a few inland) each summer, mostly at caravan parks and campsites.
- “Family” means that we run programs for everyone from kindergarten to the Retirement Home.

## **what is Scripture Union?**

- SU is an international, non-denominational, evangelical organization which works alongside existing churches to achieve two basic aims:
  - i. To make the gospel known to children, young people, and families; and
  - ii. To encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer.
- SU’s activities include family and children’s missions and camps, school and youth work, ministry training, and the publication/distribution of Christian literature, particularly Bible reading programs.

## **what does Kioloa SUFM do?**

**aim:** To encourage others to make an informed decision about Jesus Christ, by presenting the gospel with boldness, humility and love.

### **program: At Kioloa 8 of the days consist of the following**

- Breakfast
- Bible study groups
- Quiet time
- Team time (singing, news, private quiet time, discussion groups)
- Section meeting & prayer (see below for section descriptions)
- Morning activities (different in each section ) for about 90 mins
- Lunch
- Siesta (Rest time for about 3 hours)
- Visiting (meeting the campers and letting them know what we’re doing)
- Dinner
- Evening activities (usually different for each section) for about 90 mins
- Prayer before bed (by 11:00)

## sections

- The team at Kioloa are in five different sections (apart from support people), each of which runs a program for the campers according to which school year they have just finished. Ideally, each section consists of 6-9 team members, one being the leader or co-ordinator.

**minimites** (infants) is the most similar section to Sunday School, with a structured teaching/story/singing time in the morning and games/activities in the evening. There is some contact with parents, particularly as the children have to be taken back to their tent or caravan.

**keenites** (yrs 3-5) is the most energetic section. There are lots of games, dramas, and spectacular evening shows which can attract many children. Some of the teaching is done as a large group, but the rest is done in KGB (Know God Better), a well-attended series of extra Bible Studies.

**club k** (yrs 6-8) has elements of the church youth group, combining indoor and outdoor activities in a fairly packed program. Each year the teaching is done in morning Bible Studies, with games and activities during the evening.

**teens** (yrs 9-12) begins with the important process of building up a good rapport with the campers, aiming mainly for “friendship evangelism”. Sometimes there’s sport in the morning, and a Bible discussion in the evening or vice versa. Time spent with this age group is invaluable.

**adults** (everyone else) the main focus is on personal evangelism and to build good relationships. Some parents come on to our site with their children, others for the coffee and dessert evening or the trivia night, but most adult campers prefer to talk “on their turf” so this is where most of the section’s time is spent. It is slow but valuable work.

**cooking** is a full-time job (i.e. for the 10 days\_ for 2 or 3 people. Experience is helpful but not required.

**equipment** is a very important section because without them we can’t do a lot of things like cook, see at night, keep the grounds safe etc. It involves maintenance and general physical work.

**team leaders** do most of their work before mission begins, and then fill in the gaps wherever needed. We are there to look after the team members, while the team looks after the campers, so we’re available to discuss any concerns or needs that may arise.

## is this a responsible type of ministry?

A criticism of beach mission may be that we simply rush in, Bible-bash, and rush out again, achieving nothing other than making ourselves feel good. Here are five reasons why this is simply not the case:

- i. A high proportion of the campers at Kioloa go there every summer, year after year. We get to know them and they get to know us very well, so our gospel message has an accumulative effect over the years.
- ii. The gospel is preached in the context of the real relationships – it isn’t forced on anyone.
- iii. Mission is not the only contact we have – many people keep in touch through the year.
- iv. We can continue to pray for the campers all year. The Holy Spirit keeps working long after we’ve left.
- v. There are lots of examples of seeds sown at mission bearing fruit months, years, even decades later.

## who goes on mission?

- The main requirement for a team member is to be a prayerful and bible reading Christian with a willingness to serve the people of Kioloa, by testifying to them (through words and actions) about the love of God in Christ. You should agree with the aims of Scripture Union.
- Minimum age 18 years (unless children of families on team).
- Families, students, workers, retirees and people from a wide range of backgrounds are needed for mission.
- The team usually consists of 30-40 people, although we would happily increase this to as many as 50.
- The team is based around Sydney, but come from as far as Wollongong, Blue Mountains, Bowral and even Wellington (not the New Zealand one).
- Team members should be mature Christians and have some experience from their involvement at church.
- A range of denominations are represented on team.

## where is it?

- The Campsite:

Kioloa Beach Holiday Park  
Murramarang Rd  
Kioloa NSW, 2539  
Ph: 02 4457 1072

- It's about four hours south of Sydney, 30 min past Ulladulla:
  - Drive down the Prince's Hwy through Wollongong, Nowra (with the traditional stop at South Nowra Macca's) and Ulladulla to Termeil, which consists of nothing but a Caltex Station on the right.
  - Turn left into Bawley Point Rd and follow it all the way to the end.
  - At the T intersection at Bawley Point, turn right along Murramarang Rd.
  - Five minutes later you'll hit Kioloa, with the campsite stretching along the road on your left. The main gate is opposite the only shop in town.
  - We can't take cars into the campsite except for loading & unloading; if you need to, introduce yourself (as part of SUFM) to the office staff at the boom gate and they'll let you in.
  - Once inside turn left straight away and follow the road right till the end where you will find us (you can't miss the biggest marquee on the south coast!).

## what else should you know?

- While on mission, we have a **no-alcohol policy**. There's a lot of responsible drinking in the park over the New Year, and we don't want to be seen to condemn this, however, we do want to err on the side of safety, particularly for the sake of children and anyone struggling with alcohol abuse/dependence (themselves, a family member etc). The adults section can exercise some discretion in this area.
- We set up a small city of **tents**, one for each section as well as eating, cooking etc and several four-to-ten-person sleeping tents. You need to bring bedding, but tents are provided for everyone (married couples who want to bring your own, please talk to team leader/s).
- Our site is powered by electricity & gas. We share the toilet and shower facilities with the rest of the campsite (which is excellent "low-key" time to chat with campers that you see around). Hot water for the showers cost 20c for approx. three minutes. It is best if you bring as many 20c coins as possible.
- **Washing** and **drying** facilities are available at \$2 each (2 x \$1.00).
- Our campsite is generally grassy, but if there is rain etc we can end up with some muddy areas, so good hygiene and old clothes are vital.
- There are about 400 campsites in the park, including mobile homes, caravans & tents. Most of the campers are young(ish) families.

## when is it?

- The mission covers 12 days in total:  
**26<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January**
- Boxing Day is just for travel and getting together for dinner if possible. Set up begins at 9am on the 27<sup>th</sup> so if you are unable to make it down on Boxing Day please be there for a 9am start. The mission program runs from December 28<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> with a day off on New Year's Day. We pack up and return home on the 6<sup>th</sup> January (usually finished ready for a swim by about 3pm).
- There are a few meetings throughout the year, organised on a section, team or regional basis.
- The team house party is TOP PRIORITY. It is usually towards the end of the year for a weekend.

## how much?

- Each team member pays team fees to cover the cost of mission.
- Fees this year are \$320, including the house party. (\$320 divided by 14 days of accom & food and training = approx \$22.90 a day... cheap!)
- Fees are negotiable, and special cheap rates are available for families and students. Please don't let money stop you from coming!

## where does the money go?

Based on previous expenditure, fees of \$320 can be broken down as follows (please note, this price may vary from year to year).

Food	\$100	(\$3.30 a meal)
Site	\$70	(Accommodation, power & equipment)
SU	\$20	(Admin & Insurance)
Sections	\$30	(Books, bibles, band etc)
Pre-mission	\$80	(House party, admin etc)
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$20</u>	(For new tents etc)
Total	\$320	

## how do I join?

- Contact the team leader:
  - ★ **Michael Dicker** E-mail: [director@sufmkioloa.org.au](mailto:director@sufmkioloa.org.au)
  - ★ **Fiona Graham** E-mail: [assistdirector@sufmkioloa.org.au](mailto:assistdirector@sufmkioloa.org.au)
- Consider which section/s you might like to join.
- go online to <http://www.sufmkioloa.org.au/> click "join sufm" and register for SU mission Kioloa

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:10-11