

We are excited that your young person is considering taking part in one of Power to Change's Summer Projects. Our experience over many years of running these trips is that they are usually life-changing experiences for those who participate in them. These young adults are given a wonderful opportunity to develop skills and leadership abilities as they step outside their comfort zone. The skills and abilities they learn are all part of building the foundation of who they will become in the years ahead.

Our desire is that you, as their parent/guardian, would be informed about our trips and what they involve, particularly in the current climate. We want to support you in your role as a guide and guardian for your child, and encourage you to explore the information below. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### **About Power to Change**

Power to Change is a not-for-profit non-denominational Christian organisation, originally founded in the USA and established in Australia in 1967. In Australia, we work with university students, high school students, churches, families and film to connect people to Jesus and each other. You can find out more about Power to Change here: [powertochange.org.au](http://powertochange.org.au)

### **Safety**

Your child's safety is our priority, and while no one can guarantee the complete safety of anyone, we do take appropriate precautions to reduce the risk of danger to those participating in Power to Change activities. All participants in our mission trips are given training and orientation, including sessions on safety and what to do in case of an emergency. Each location has its own policies to maximise safety.

The mission trip leaders are trained in basic areas of crisis management, and they will work with our national Summer Projects leadership team to ensure the safety of our teams. If at any point during the preparation process a location becomes unsafe, we will cancel the trip to that location and all affected team members will be assigned to a different location.

### **COVID-19 Response**

Power to Change recognises the significant impact that COVID-19 has had on Australia, and the changes that have had to be put in place around the country. As an organisation, we are still passionate about connecting people to Jesus and each other. However, it is crucial that we prioritise the health of our team members and those of the public we may interact with in order to honour them as people made in the image of God and deeply loved by him. In light of this, Power to Change has formed a Crisis Response Team who oversee our organisation's response to the COVID-19 situation. This team is monitoring the situation closely, ensuring we adhere to current governmental guidelines and providing practical guidance on ministry decisions. We want you to feel assured that our Summer Projects will continue to adhere to the most up to date state and federal government instructions, and we will take every precaution to ensure our teams are not exposed to unnecessary risks.

If you have any further questions or need clarification on anything written here, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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