



# CONNECT 2024 PROGRAM MENU

This is a guide to the components of the day. You can include all of them or just a few and you can "serve" them in any order and for any length of time. This is our suggestion of an outline for the day. For each element you will find a video and/or facilitator guide on the website.

## Registration

Mark names on arrival and check dietary info is correct from list. For any new registrations direct them to the rego website for your venue

## Welcome & Opening Prayer

10 mins

Include housekeeping/safety information relevant to the host venue

## Our Connections

30 mins

Play CHOOSE YOUR CORNERS game - people move to a corner based on the statement that best represents them - in the corner they have a brief conversations about the question posed eg what platforms does your team use to stay in touch  
The final question in this game asks "which ministry area do they spend the most time involved in" and then they connect in groups of 3-4 from similar ministries to introduce themselves, the ways they serve and to share one win and one challenge they face and then pray as a group.  
End this section by showing the video about the power of what we can achieve together.

## Worship Experience

30 mins

Connect is about investing in you as leaders so we want to provide space for worship, prayer and personal discipleship and growth.  
The Connection worship option is an interactive worship experience using torn paper focused on our relationship with God and our connection with one another.

## Keynote from Mark McCrindle

50- 60mins

Mark McCrindle is the founder of McCrindle research he is a highly respected social researcher. Mark will speak about Gen Alpha and Gen Z who they are and what that means for ministry with them today. The video includes a spot to pause and discuss as well as some extended discussion after the video. Do this as a whole group or to break into smaller groups depending on numbers. The video itself goes for 35mins so this would give you maximum 25mins for discussion overall including the pause and discuss spots earlier in the video.

## Workshops

55 mins

There will be video content and guided discussion material provided for 3 workshops:

- The games we play - how do you plan and run a game that kids and young people will love - Rachel Stuhr and Eliseo Ramirez
- People of prayer - creating environments & experiences that help children and young people pray - Emma Ridley
- Creating space for questions and giving answers that connect to faith for kids and young people - Louise Bartlett

Choose how many workshops to offer depending on the number of people registered and the number of facilitators to lead discussion. If you would like to run a workshop on a topic of your choosing please refer to the additional workshops document provided for some helpful tips or the library of previous Connect workshops. All workshops provided will include application to youth, kids and SRE spaces. All workshop resources are sent to participants after the event.

## Team Time

30 mins

A time for those from the same faith community to gather together. Those who may have come on their own can gather with others who are also the only ones from their faith community at Connect. Using the provided questions handout or your own questions facilitate a time to help ground some of the experience of the day into their local context and to provide an opportunity to commit to practical next steps.

## Sending & Closing Prayer

10 mins

A time of blessing and sending those who gathered with you. Please encourage the connections which may have only begun or perhaps deepened to continue beyond this event. These connections will strengthen each of our local faith communities as we continue to encourage, support and share ideas.

## Food

40 - 50 mins

Eating together helps create community so we encourage provision of refreshments and a casual time for conversations and connections. You may like to start with morning tea (20 minutes) and have a lunch break (30 minutes) later or have one generous food spot around 11 and serve both hot and cold food (40 minutes). Or another way to make eating together part of the day. We will provide \$15 per person for food and other supplies eg lollies for the table

It is recommended to either end with lunch or have something significant to come back to after lunch such as workshops, so that people don't see it as an opportunity to leave early and miss the time of connection and conversation.



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A sample program for a 9-2 day

Time	Program	Length	Facilitator	Resources
8:45	Registration	25 mins		Rego sheet/ pens/ QR code to rego site
9:05	Welcome & Opening Prayer	10 mins		1st Giveaway
9:10	Connections at the table	10 mins		Generation Bingo
9:20	Conversations & Connection	25 mins		PPT/ Coloured Circles /Video
10:00	Worship	30 mins		music   worship supplies paper squares
10:30	Keynote Mark McCrindle	60 mins		Video Camera on tripod for photo 2nd Giveaway
11:25	Eating Together	35 mins		
11:50	Workshops - include transition	1 hour		Whiteboard/ Screen /Videos Handouts
12:50	Team Time	35 mins		3rd giveaway
1:30	Sending & Closing Prayer	10 mins		
1:40				