

All you need to know about becoming an MTS Apprentice



## **VOCATIONAL TRAINING PATHWAY**

Over the last couple of years MTS has been developing Christian ministry training for the practical person who learns best on the job.

### Vision

MTS has developed this training because it believes we need a new generation of blue collar Christian leaders in Australia who are theologically sharp and equipped to lead God's church in growing to Christian maturity and reaching the world.

### Why do we have this vision?

- We long to see many more people with a blue collar background in our churches.
- We believe an important step to enabling this to happen is to raise up a new generation of blue collar Christian leaders who can effectively minister to blue collar people.



Doing the Blue Collar Ministry Apprenticeship has helped me be a better disciple of Jesus. I now understand how the Bible fits together and can read the Old Testament for myself. It's given me skills to lead Bible studies and help others follow Jesus. In the past I've not know what to do and been afraid of stuffing up. Now I have more confidence to evangelise and lead groups.

Ian Mu is 25 years old and worked in a Glass Splashback factory before doing the Blue Collar Ministry Apprenticeship.

# WHO IS THIS FOR

Men and women who are:

- Christians who practical, "hands-on" learners.
- Godly, with a passion to share Jesus with others
- Desire a deeper understanding of God and his word.

They might be 25 and single, or 50 and married with children - it does not matter.

# WHAT BEING AN APPRENTICE INVOLVES

"If a person wants to be a farmer long term, they don't start off at Agricultural College as a first port of call. They need to head off first to a farm and work alongside an experienced farmer for a couple of years. They need to live through a couple of cycles of the seasons. They need to know what it is like to deliver lambs in the middle of the night, harvest the grain before it is destroyed by rain and grapple with the blurred boundaries between work and rest."

Ben Pfahlert, MTS Director

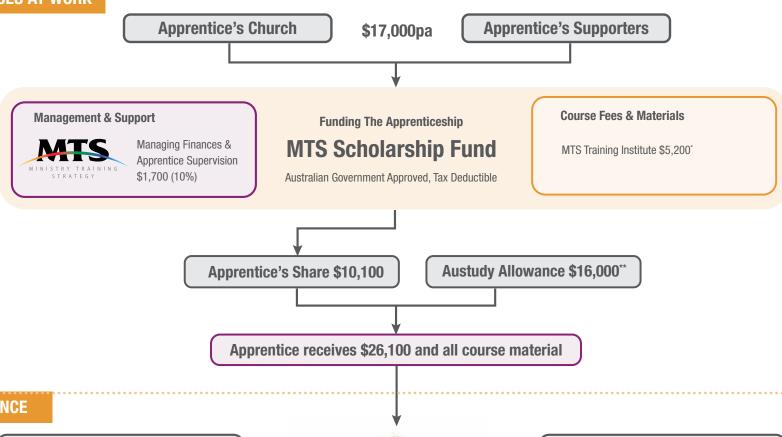
A Vocational Training Apprenticeship involves a one to three year program based within a church or specialised ministry team. You will learn through active participation in evangelism and pastoral ministry under the guidance of your mentor.

In addition to this hands-on learning apprentices will also participate in small class group training as they work towards vocational training qualifications.

# THE MTS MINISTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

MTS Scholars will be required to raise \$17,000 per annum in personal support. (Some churches/ministries may commit to providing some of this amount)

## YOUR ANNUAL FINANCES AT WORK



## YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Hands-On Ministry Experience** 

## **MTS Training with Trainer**

Curriculum directed coaching in conviction, character and competency 1 day per week



## **Vocational Theological Training**

MTS Training Institute 2½ day per week

**Ready for a Lifetime of Ministry** 

<sup>\*</sup> fee applicable to a diploma level course \*\* assumes eligibility for Austudy and Vet Fee Help

# TAILORED TO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

### **Flexible Entry Timing**

Leaving full-time employment is a big step so it is possible to commence your Vocational Training Apprenticeship on a part-time basis while you continue to work.

Scholarships are most effective in assisting full-time apprentices, so you can dive right in at the beginning of year 1 (with a scholarship), or you can start your apprenticeship on a part-time basis and transfer to a full-time basis (with scholarship) at the beginning of year 2.

### Flexible Scholarship Funding

A Vocational Training Apprentice might be 25 and single, or 50 and married with children. As a result the financial circumstances of apprentices can vary greatly.

MTS has built flexibility into its scholarships to ensure that the very real financial needs of apprentices and their families can be supported by an MTS scholarship. The value of the scholarships is not set in concrete and may vary from apprentice to apprentice – depending on their personal and family circumstances.

The churches and specialised ministries offering these scholarships have discretion to increase the value of the scholarship they are sponsoring to match the financial needs of the scholarship recipient.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### MTS scholarships

MTS Scholarships will begin annually on 1st February.

The start date of any training centre sponsored scholarship will be subject to the requirement that 50% of the 1st year scholarship value has been donated and 70% has been donated or pledged before scholarship funding will commence to flow to the apprentice.

#### **Government Assistance**

Please note that students undertaking Vocational qualifications may be eligible for Austudy. In the case of the Diploma only, students may be eligible for Vet Fee help

Where an apprentice does not qualify for Austudy support, the church or specialised ministry team has the option to increase the value of the scholarship awarded (this assumes a commensurate increase in donations).



# ALL FOR THE KINGDOM BY BEN PFAHLERT & KATIE OMROD

A very practical and realistic tool for those that the Holy Spirit is prompting to pursue full time gospel ministry. We recommend that if you are considering becoming an MTS Apprentice, read and consider these books.

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This booklet has been designed to give you a basic understanding as to what it means to become a MTS Apprentice, and take the first step into full time Christian ministry work.

If you are interested in proceeding further we suggest that you contact MTS.

MTS will be able to help you to determine the best way to proceed.

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