



### **Purpose of the role**

Adrenalites leaders help children in years 3 - 5 at school to grow as disciples of Jesus.

### **Character expectations**

- Profess faith in Christ and are an active member of their own congregation and a growth group. They will seek to grow their own relationship with Christ through regular prayer and Bible reading.
- Model godliness for those they lead, setting an example in their speech, conduct, love, faith and purity (1 Tim 4:12).
- Abide by the OEC Code of Conduct for Volunteers, Overseers and Ministry Workers.
- Support and respect the Adrenalites Team Leader and the leadership (Overseers and Ministry Staff) of OEC.

### **The Adrenalites Leader**

Adrenalites leaders teach the Bible to the children of OEC so that they may grow in their knowledge and love of God. They have an intentional focus to work with the children of OEC to share the Gospel of Jesus with the non-churched children of Orange and provide a fun and safe environment where all children can work out what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Adrenalites leaders work towards this mission together in a team which consists of members of all the congregations of OEC. They recognize that God has provided us with different gifts to serve the body of Christ. Leaders are rostered to lead different sections of the Adrenalites program as they are able; and they support, encourage and sharpen one another as they serve together as a team.

Adrenalites leaders recognise that children are members of families. Christian parents are commanded to bring their children up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4), so Adrenalites leaders seek to support parents as they train and instruct their children. Adrenalites may also be the only place that children from non-churched families hear the Gospel, so leaders seek to teach the Gospel in ways that are transparent and respectful of parents who may not themselves be Christians.

**Adrenalites Leaders – the role in practice**

Adrenalites leaders will:

- Attend the weekly Adrenalites program on Thursday evenings (5:30 – 7:30pm) during school terms, usually arriving half an hour before for set-up, and leaving half an hour after the program has finished, following pack-up and brief leaders' prayer and debriefing meetings at the end of each night of Adrenalites.
- Work on a rostered basis to prepare in advance and lead different elements of the Adrenalites program (e.g. giving Bible talks, leading singing, running games, etc.)
- Be allocated a small discussion group of children who they particularly invest in, get to know, encourage and pray for.
- Attend Adrenalites leader training once per school term.
- Follow all aspects of the OEC Safe Church Guide for Children's Ministry.
- Report any concern about any children to the Adrenalites Team Leader, or if it is a matter regarding the welfare of a child, to a Safe Ministry Contact.

**Appointment and Commitment**

- Adrenalites leaders apply to and are appointed by the Adrenalites Team Leader, in consultation with their congregational minister.
- Adrenalites leaders will have been regularly attending OEC for at least 3 months prior to appointment as a leader.
- Adrenalites leaders commit annually to serving at Adrenalites for the following 12-month period.
- If over 18 years of age, Adrenalites leaders must hold a current WWCC and have completed Safe Ministry Training within the last 3 years.
- All junior leaders (under 18 years of age) will usually be in year 9 at school or older and will have completed Junior Safe Ministry Training.



## **Adrenalites Leader**

### **Leader Support**

Adrenalites leaders work as a team to support one another in this ministry, sharing ideas, encouragement, and feedback with one another. The team is led and cared for by the Adrenalites Team Leader.

Ongoing training of Adrenalites leaders is provided by the Adrenalites Team Leader and the OEC Children's Minister. This is formally done at the leaders' training meetings held once each school term, and informally "on the ground" as leaders reflect together on the ministry and provide feedback one to another.

Junior Adrenalites leaders will be partnered with an experienced leader who can support and mentor them as they develop their skills in ministry. Junior leaders will be encouraged to contribute fully to the Adrenalites team but will never be left to care for children on their own without the support of an adult leader.

From time to time, Adrenalites leaders may have particular concerns about the welfare of certain children. These concerns should be raised immediately with a Safe Ministry Contact, who will support the leader as they care for any children in that situation, including assisting them to follow any official reporting obligations.

### **What will happen next?**

You will be connected by the Adrenalites Team Leader with your next step.