

## PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS

### **The Vision:**

Scripture Union NSW and Generate would love you to consider “prayer groups for schools” covering all schools over NSW. We would love to encourage Christians in every place coming together across denominations to bathe their local school in prayer. Wouldn’t it be great if people everywhere were praying for the witness of Christian teachers, for the faith and witness of Christian students, for the wide needs of the school community (staff, leaders, P&C etc), and for the Christian ministries that take place in the school (e.g. Scripture, SUPA Club/ISCF, chaplaincy, breakfast clubs etc)? We believe that when Christians pray (whether in-person, or online), regularly and earnestly for the work of God’s Spirit in their local school that Christ’s kingdom will come.

### **The Group:**

Your group may first meet as a “one off”. If you are keen for the group to have a lasting impact, seek out someone to coordinate regular meetings and gather others together to pray. A wide group of people including teachers, Scripture teachers, local pastors and parents could all be involved.

If a student is interested in being involved, you will need to encourage them to attend with a parent/guardian. If that is not possible, make sure you follow the child protection guidelines or policy affirmed by the student’s church, especially if you are meeting on-line.

### **The Practicalities:**

If you’re keen to lead a prayer group around your local school, here are some ideas for a successful prayer group:

- raising the possibility with other local people you think might be interested
- developing a distribution list/spreadsheet of people who are keen to be involved
- finding a suitable venue for the meetings (eg. someone’s home, a local church)
- arranging a regular meeting (eg. once a term) and inviting people to come
- gathering prayer points ahead of each meeting (eg. from Scripture teachers, SUPA Club/ISCF leaders, others involved in the school)
- considering whether and how you might let the school know you are praying for them, and asking what things they might like you to be aware of as you pray

If you choose to run a prayer group, please contact Generate or Scripture Union NSW so that we can help you and pray for you.