

# **Trinity Equip – Ministry Training Program for Women**

## **Information for Supporting Churches and Parachurch Organisations**

The Trinity Equip program is a two-year introductory training program in practical ministry for women. It involves a classroom training component at Trinity Theological College and a practical ministry component undertaken in a church or parachurch organisation.

The aims of the program are to prepare women for their volunteer ministry roles and be able to:

- handle God's word with confidence,
- gain experience in teaching God's word in various formats (eg one-to-one, small group Bible studies, and giving short talks),
- gain skills in how and why we share the gospel with non-believers,
- understand how people grow spiritually and what we can contribute to grow others, and
- learn the principles of running a ministry and a team.

### **Trinity Theological College training component:**

- The following 8 units (completed over 2 years) consist of 2 - 2.5-hour weekly classes during school terms. The cost per unit is \$250.
  - Teaching the Bible – Gospels
  - Biblical Theology – The Big Picture
  - Teaching the Bible – Old Testament
  - Pastoral Care
  - Teaching the Bible – The Epistles
  - Gospel and Evangelism
  - Systematic Theology
  - Leadership
- Training is non-accredited, skills-focused, and practical.
- Provision of a volunteer female “mentor” to meet with the student in person or virtually at least twice per term.

### **Practical ministry component:**

- Undertake 3+ hours (including preparation time) of word-based ministry per week (or equivalent across the year) in church or parachurch organisation.  
Example ministries could include leading Bible study groups, teaching kids church, music directors, holiday camps or kids' clubs, running an evangelistic play group, reading the Bible one-to-one. This is not an exhaustive list, and we welcome proposals of other word-based ministry roles for particular students.
- Meeting with an appropriate staff member within the church or parachurch organisation in which they serve at least once per term (e.g., pastor, assistant pastor, staff worker).

**The commitment required of the church or parachurch organisation therefore is to:**

- Provide an opportunity for the student to be involved in word-based ministry for 3+ hours per week (this may be continuing in an existing volunteer ministry role).
- Provide an appropriate staff member to meet with the student at least once per term.
- Pray for the student.
- Optionally, organisations may also choose to contribute to the financial cost of the theological training component (\$250 per unit).