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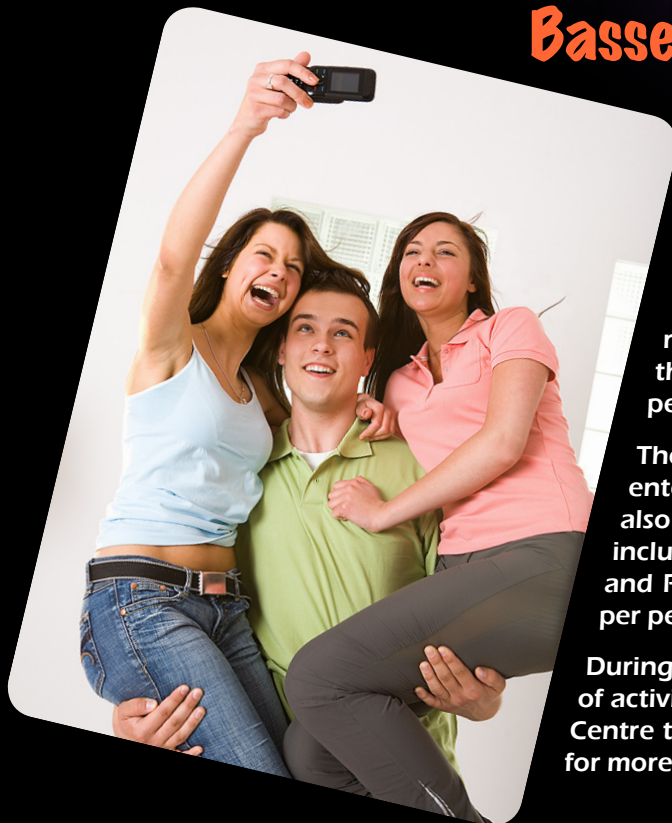
Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services are situated underneath the McDonald Pavilion at Steel Blue Oval on the corner of West and Guildford Roads near the Skate Park.

The Youth Centre is open for young people to 'drop-in' between 3pm and 6pm Tuesday to Friday, and offers a broadband internet and computer game café, XBOX, band room, and DVD movie projector. Everything happening in the afternoons is free, and the centre is available for young people aged 12 to 25.

The centre also runs LAN parties, band rehearsals and entertaining activities most weeks. Saturday activities are also offered every couple of months. In the past activities have included: Adventure World, Go-Karting, Outdoor Rock Climbing, and Paintballing. Most of these activities only cost a few dollars per person.

During the next school holidays the Youth Service will run a number of activities including a full day of Go-Karting. Come into the Youth Centre to find out what's happening next or check out our website for more information - www.bys.net.au



Stepping Forward

Bassendean Youth Services has recently partnered Community and Youth Training Services (CYTS) to deliver Certificate II in General Education for Adults, which is an alternative to studying Year 10 at high school. The course runs 3 days per week. Call the Youth Centre on 9279 2329 for more details.



Manjedal 2010

On the April school holidays, Bassendean Youth Services went on camp to Manjedal Activity Centre near Byford. The young people who attended had a great time on; the commando course, abseiling, the blindfold course, and a 250 metre flying fox. If you want to get involved in the next school holiday program, speak to Greg or Ayden a couple of weeks before the holidays start.

When can I...

...get a full time job?

At the age of 15 you are able to have a full time job, however you must get an exemption from the Education Department.

...get my own Medicare Card?

When you turn 15 you are able to get your own Medicare Card, but it's fine for you to stay on your family's card at any age.

...buy cigarettes?

It is illegal for shop keepers to sell cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18 years. It is also illegal for people to sell, give or supply tobacco to under 18's.

...sign a contract?

You are not able to sign a contract until you are 18 years of age, before that the contract is not binding or valid. This extends to phone contracts as well.

...be questioned by the police?

You can be informally questioned by the police at any age. If you are under 18 years of age, and are formally interviewed at a police station you should ask them to contact a parent or guardian.

...vote in an election?

When you turn 18 years old you are required to vote in any State or Federal elections and can choose to vote in Local Government elections.

...leave home?

At present there is no written law surrounding the age you can leave home, however Common Law acknowledges that if you are over 16 years of age it is unlikely that the Children's Court will force you back home against your wishes.

...have sex?

Young men and women can legally consent to sex (both heterosexual and homosexual) if they are 16 years or over. Even if you agree to have sex but are under the age of 16 you can be charged by the police. Even if both people are under 16 years it is still illegal.

...be held criminally responsible?

If you are over the age of 10, then the court assumes that you know the difference between right and wrong and then be charged with a criminal offence.

...change my name?

When you turn 18 you can have your name changed, before that you must have your parent's permission.

...get a tattoo?

You need to be 18 before you can get a tattoo.

Young people and the law...

...Move On Orders

What is a Move On Notice? If the Police reasonably suspect that you are a trouble maker and you are in a public place or in a bus or train, they can order you to leave the area for a period of up to 24 hours.

If you are given a Move On Order/Notice and you do not obey it, then you commit an offence.

If you are under the age of 18, the Police have the power to move you to a 'safe place' if you are not at your home and they believe your well being is at risk or you are out of school.

If you are under the age of 18 and you are found drunk or on drugs in a Public Place, the Police have the power to apprehend you.

The Northbridge Curfew

What is the Curfew?

The Curfew is a state government strategy that restricts access to Northbridge for children and young people.

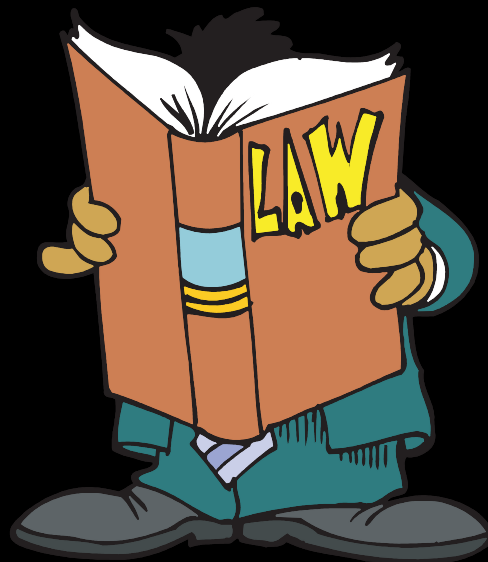
Where does the curfew apply?

The Curfew applies to a specific area defined as the Northbridge Precinct. The area is bounded by Roe Street to the south, Beaufort Street to the east, Newcastle Street to the north, the Mitchell Freeway to the west, and including William Street up to Brisbane Street.

Who does the Curfew apply to?

Children under 12 years of age cannot be in the Northbridge Precinct without their parent or guardian after dark.

Young people aged 13 to 15 years, cannot be in the Northbridge Precinct without their parent or guardian after 10.00 pm.



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