



kids

handbook

For a smooth check-in experience, please download our Grainery Kids Check-In App.

1 Open Church Center App

2 Select  **More**

3 Select  **Check-In**

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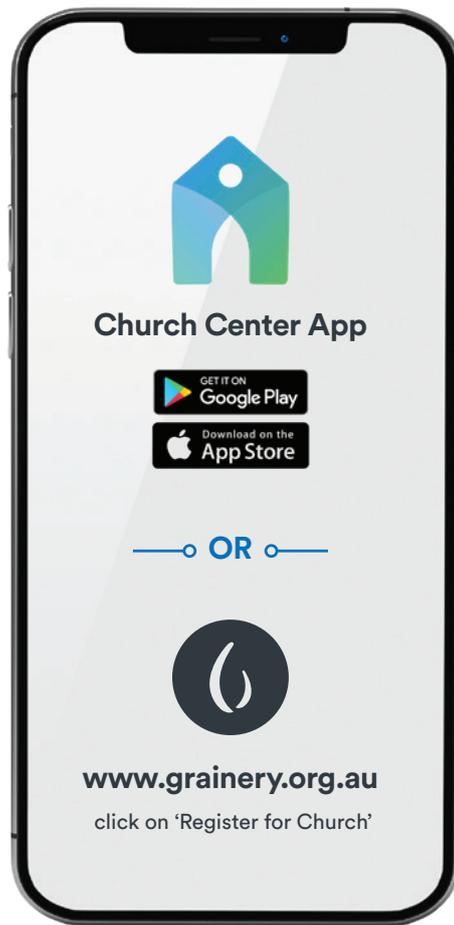
Grainery Kids/**Steel River**
Grainery Kids/**Maitland**

5 Select **Kids Attending**

6 Scan QR Code at Check-In Station

7 Collect stickers.

8 Use security sticker to **sign out** after the service.



Our role in Grainery Kids is to partner with parents in leading children to have a personal relationship with Christ and to guide them in their relationships with Him.

1 We believe that we have a mandate to teach children the Word of God.

“Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go and the values they’ve learned from you will be with them for life.”

Proverbs 22:6 TPT

2 We believe that children need a firm foundation of faith on which to build their lives.

“ Write these commandments that I’ve given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 MSG

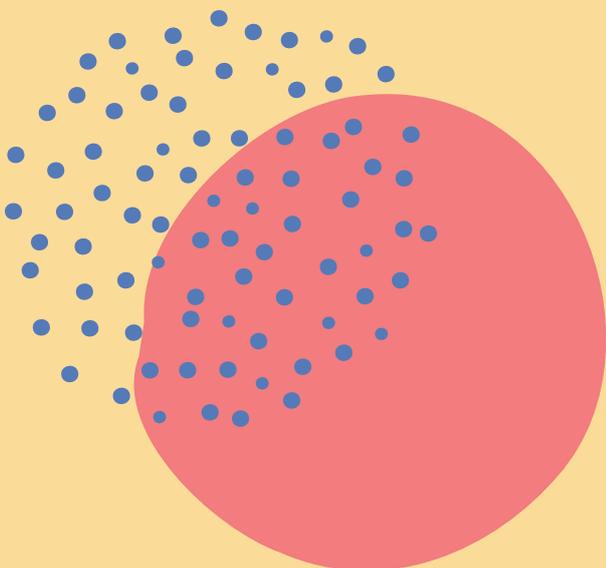
3 We believe that children belong to the Kingdom of God and are instrumental in God’s plan of bringing heaven to earth.

“They will be like a tree planted near water. It sends out its roots beside a stream. It is not afraid when heat comes. Its leaves are always green. It does not worry when there is no rain. It always bears fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:8 NIRV

"Jesus said, 'let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

Matthew 19:14



We create a safe, fun and friendly environment where every child is loved and valued.

We lead and disciple children in life-changing relationships with Jesus Christ.

We teach the value of Praise and Worship through age-relevant kids worship music.

We teach the Bible through fun, creative and age relevant lessons.

We teach the value of prayer through Bible stories, leader's examples and small group participation.

We teach children to be generous with tithes and offerings through special Grainery Kids mission projects.

Our Core Goals



We encourage parental participation in our Grainery Kids church

When a parent volunteers in kids church it reinforces the value of being part of a community and teaches children that as parents we strongly support our children in their faith journey. Kids absolutely love it and thrive when mum or dad come to help.

All of our kids church volunteers are trained and have undergone a strict process in order to join our kids team. They all have a Working With Children Check and have undergone our Safe Church training.

Our Grainery Church Safe Policy is available on our website.

www.grainery.org.au/safe-church-training/

see the Grainery Safe Church Framework form

Our Grainery Kids team volunteers are leaders who build, inspire and invest in the next generation

They are passionate about seeing kids grow in their faith and are wonderful role models. Our kid's leaders are committed to their own walk with Christ and see their role in ministering to children as a calling and a privilege.

If you are passionate about seeing kids grow in their faith or if you are interested in serving, we would love to hear from you!

For more information you can contact us at kids@grainery.org.au or call (02) 4969 5557

It is our desire that Grainery Kids on Sunday would be the very best hour of the week in the lives of each child who attends. For this to happen we have set procedures and guidelines in place to make sure the morning runs in a safe and smooth manner.

Please review the information below to see how we can work together to achieve this.

Sign-In and Sign-Out Procedure

Sign your kids in at the check-in desk, where our friendly kids church volunteers will help with any questions you may have. Download the Grainery Kids' check-in app for a smooth check-in experience. Instructions can be found in the inside front cover of this booklet.

Children who require extra assistance will be assigned a Buddy. Buddies will meet kids on arrival at the kids check-in.

At the end of the service, parents may collect their children from the main kids entrance with a collection sticker that will be checked by Door Security.

Leaving your Child

We encourage parents to leave children in the rooms under the supervision of the Grainery Kids pastor and trained leaders. This is to allow parents time to attend the main service and for children to learn about the love of God in a community of peers their own age.

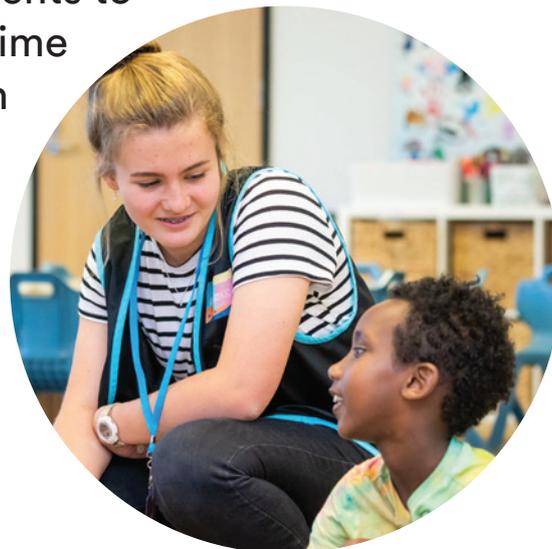
While some children may wish to stay with an older or younger sibling, children will be placed within their age groups and our Kids team will assist with any anxiety around separation.

Parents do not need to worry if their child is upset or unwell as we will bring them back to parents if this is the case. Please keep phones on vibrate in case a leader needs to get in contact with you during a service.

Visitors and Entering Classrooms

All visitors/parents are required to sign-in at the Kids check-in point before entering. We do allow parents to visit a class if it is your first or second time attending the church, to help transition your child into the new environment.

However, if you are looking to attend the room consistently, we will require a volunteer application to be submitted, along with a Working With Children Check, and for you to complete our Safe Church Training. Parents who stay will also be asked to assist with activities.



We ask that parents do not re-enter and exit rooms as they please as this may interrupt other children and leaders.

At Grainery Kids we love building, inspiring and investing in the next generation. Thank you for working with us to keep this a joyful and loving environment for families and leaders.

The Orange Curriculum

From preschool to college, it draws on the elements of wonder, discovery and passion, infusing them into children, students and young adults. Why? To see God for who He is, to help young people see themselves the way God sees them, so that they can love others the way God does. Starting with wonder, Orange helps preschoolers embrace a God who is bigger than their imagination, then adds discovery so children can understand how to grow in their relationship with God. Finally, Orange fuels passion by giving students opportunities to be the church and to make a difference influencing their generation.

Orange believes that two combined influences make a greater impact than just two individual influences.

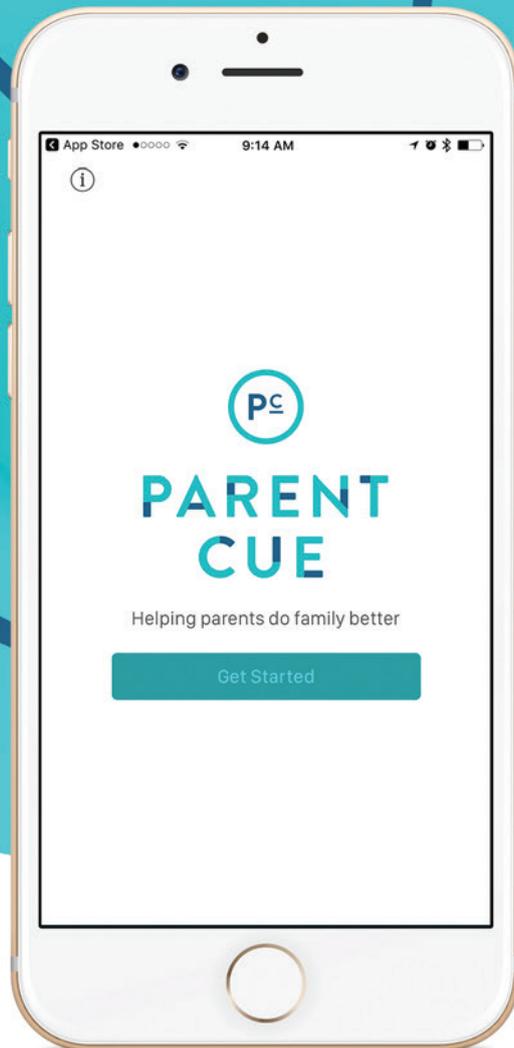
The Church + Home = Greater Impact

Light (yellow) + Love (red) = Orange



DOWNLOAD THE PARENT CUE APP

The Parent Cue App is designed to help every parent do something each week to help move their child toward a deeper faith and a better future.



INTRODUCING CUES

As a parent, some of the most important things you do for your child don't happen in a single day. You make small deposits in their life week after week—over time.

That's why the Parent Cue App gives weekly cues to help you make the most of the time you spend with your kid or teenager.



Easy encouragements to help your child start their day.



When you need something meaningful to talk about on the way to soccer practice.



Conversation starters as you grab tacos in the drive thru or burgers around the table.



Great reminders for ways to end the day on a great note.



Timely help for those moments that take you by surprise.

Parent Cue is our go to space for upcoming events and all our devotional material.

Explorers (Toddlers – under 2 years)

Steel River Campus only

Grainery kids does not provide a creche, however, we do have a fenced toddler space with a live stream to the service where parents can comfortably sit and care for their toddlers. Age-appropriate books and toys are provided. This is a great chance to build community with other parents of young children within the church.

Sprouts (Ages 2 &3)

In Sprouts we focus on showing the love of God through building relationships in a warm, safe and loving environment. Bible lessons and activities for our Sprouts are carefully planned for the development of this age group. Our Bible lessons are fun, play-based and interactive. We use a lot of repetition and usually have a craft which corresponds to the lesson for each week.

Treehouse (Ages 4&5)

In Treehouse, we focus on strengthening and building relationships with Christ, each other and with our Grainery Kids leaders. We use small groups to help our Treehouse kids make strong friendships and develop a sense of community. Our lessons are interactive, fun and usually have a corresponding craft or worksheet activity.

Elevate (K1 and 2-3)

Our Elevate Kids are split into two age groups, K-1 and 2-3. This group is about developing great friendships. They love hanging out with each other and with their small group leaders. Our Bible lessons are planned to suit these age groups with lots of interactive worksheet activities and crafts. These fun groups love to play games and enjoy it when we do role plays based on our Bible lessons.

Rookies (Years 4-6)

Our Rookies kids are one step away from moving up into youth. They are very social and we deliberately create space for the development of strong friendships. Rookies don't go into younger kid's church, but rather have their own unique Sunday morning experience. They enjoy a deeper level of exploring the Bible through fun and interactive discussion. We also host special events and opportunities for our Rookies kids to connect throughout the year. We communicate details of those events with parents as they come up.

Buddies (for kids with additional needs)

Children with additional needs are fully integrated into our children's programs at their appropriate age level. We believe that it's important for all God's children to be loved and valued and to have the opportunity to be part of our Grainery Kids programs. We work with our kids leaders and parents to find a suitable buddy for each child.

Sign-out Policy

We have a strict policy at sign-out and pick up of children from kids church. Only a parent or approved guardian/ caregiver may collect a child. We do not allow older siblings or other family and friends to collect children without prior written consent from parents. Under no circumstances may anyone that is under the age of 18 be allowed to collect a child.

If someone other than a parent is collecting a child, please inform our Kids Team at check-in.

Photographs

We do take video and/or photos of our Grainery Kids for media purposes. Parents who do NOT want us to take photos of their children, must sign a non-consent form.

Only approved leaders/our Media Team may take photographs. We do have a Grainery Kids Facebook page where we post photos.

Food

At the morning services children are provided with a snack. We serve dinner to the children attending the 5pm service.

Please refer to the notice board at check-in for food/snacks we are serving and craft or game activities that use food items.



Allergies

We take food allergies very seriously.

There is an allergy form at sign-in which must be completed by a parent. If needed, please provide us with a health care emergency plan.

For severe allergies, we need an anaphylactic form completed with a photo of your child. Please ensure to provide the medical device to the Kids Leaders at check-in (e.g. EpiPen, asthma ventilator, etc.)

Our kids team is first aid trained. In the event of an emergency we will notify emergency services and call parents to the room.

We also have the snacks that we provide available at sign-in so that parents with children with allergies can let us know if their child can eat what we've provided.

Parents may provide their own snacks for their children. Children with allergies will have an allergy notification on their nametag. Yellow highlighters are provided at sign-in for parents to highlight the sticker.



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Service times

Steel River Campus
8.30am | 10.30am | 5pm

Maitland
10am