The Boys

The boys benefit from developing relationships and sharing life experiences with a number of caring genuine men. This impacts on the lives of the boys at home and at school and sows seeds for their continuing growth. The boys gain a sense of belonging to the group and feel less isolated.



The Men

There is a great deal of respect for each other within the program and when the men are supporting the boys they are simultaneously supporting each other. Men with a common goal can achieve greatness and having the wellbeing of young boys as our goal is exhilarating and gratifying.

A quote from one of our volunteer men — "if it can inspire a change in the boys, half as much as it's changed my life, the program is a complete succes."

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* Buddies * Op Shop Programs

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PEACEFUL WARRIORS



Boys need support on the journey to manhood

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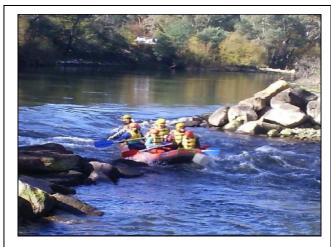
'I will listen to you'

BOYS NEED MEN

It has now been well etablished that
boys need men in their lives to be able
to grow, with confidence, into manhood.
It goes without saying that boys also
need their mothers.

Boys need positive and consistent role models who can provise reference points for what adult masculinity is all about

'Peaceful Warriors' is a 20 week (meeting fortnightly) program which aims to build positive relationships between men and boys. It involves volunteer men from the community in a program for boys who are starting the transition from primary school to secondary school and the transition from boyhood to manhood.



'We need each other during the journey'

Structure

Boys have abundant energy that can be harnessed in a supportive environment to achieve positive outcomes. The Boys participate with men in exciting and challenging activities designed for:

- O Fun
- O Teamwork
- O Building skills in communication
- O Building skills in problem solving
- O Raising self esteem

The program culminates with a weekend adventure camp with activities such as: Abseiling, canoeing, bush walking, mountain bike riding etc.

THE CHALLENGE

Workers at Anglicare are concerned that many boys have a lack of men in their lives who are caring and positive role models. Having positive male role models can help steer boys away from challenging and destructive risk taking behaviour at home, school and in the community.



'You're OK I'm OK and the system is OK'

A COMMUNITY EFFORT

In community it is everyone's responsibility to care for 'our' children.

We (MEN) need to stand up for 'our boys' and help them develop into confident, caring, responsible men that display strength of character.

The **Peaceful Warriors Program** needs men to participate, along side other volunteer men and staff, in the group and camp program.