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## **MTS AT NORTH RYDE ANGLICAN**

The apostle Paul engaged in apprentice training. He chose young men with a proven track record of godliness and took them under his wing. Clearly, the gospel and its proclamation was at the heart of his strategy. The apprentices learnt both the truth and how to minister the truth under the care of an experienced trainer.

MTS apprentices enter the traineeship having a breadth of biblical knowledge and often a broad skill set. But the training program itself puts the apprentice into the position where they have to evaluate their knowledge, to work out what they don't know, what they need to learn. It teaches humility and helps apprentices become aware of their own limitations, it puts apprentices into unique situations where they will learn new people skills.

MTS is specifically geared towards commencing new initiatives. Year 1 is spent learning the ropes, Year 2 is the opportunity to start a new ministry. Ironically, the best outcome for the apprentice is if the ministry fails! Life long ministry is about spreading the gospel, and taking it to new areas. MTS @ North Ryde is designed to transfer an entrepreneurial skill set to apprentices within a safe, supportive environment, before the reality of post college ministry hits home.

My wife Kylie and I commenced our apprenticeship together at ST Matthias in 1997 under my trainers Phillip Jensen, Archie Poulos and Tony Willis. I sat under men who loved Jesus, and wanted to be obedient to him, so I partnered with them in heading off in new ministry directions. A ministry that I helped set up no longer exists, and a church that I ministered to has now closed. But those experiences were invaluable, and propelled me into an unshakeable entrepreneurial gospel mindset.

Why do MTS at North Ryde? Our staff and leaders are passionately committed to the MTS apprenticeship strategy. We know and love our Lord, we want to serve him by partnering

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with him in his harvest. We have existing ministries, but also numerous opportunities. Our church sits adjacent to the Macquarie Park Business district (Australia's silicon Valley) and Macquarie University (30,000 students). We run scripture ministries in four local schools, we have an onsite preschool with 100 children enrolled per week. In 2009 three new railway stations opened in the suburb. In 2010 a new 250 bed hospital opens, in 2011 a new indoor sports centre, a new child care centre. All these facilities mean people are all around us – people who are in desperate need of a saviour. We want to reach these people, yet we also want to invest heavily in gospel ministers who will soon leave us to take the great news of Jesus elsewhere.

The MTS apprenticeship contains an echo of the words of the apostle Paul, who instructed his apprentice, Timothy, with these words:

***2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (1 Timothy 2:2)***

I wish to recommend the MTS apprentice program to all prospective Bible College Students, Yr 13 students, and other GAP year programs. I would also love to speak to you in person about enrolling in the MTS apprenticeship program within the North Ryde Anglican group of Churches.

Yours in Christ,



**Rev. John Chappell**  
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# MTS Scholarship

Our church recognises the long term gospel importance of apprentices, and offers a negotiable \$17,500 pa scholarship (anticipated for 2012). We also encourage and train apprentices to raise an additional \$6,000 pa taking the total potential scholarship to \$23,500.

## Notes:

- Where appropriate, the centre reimburses apprentices for conference costs incurred in the course of their training
- The centre will reimburse apprentices for reasonable expenses incurred whilst engaged in core ministry activities
- The parish provides excellent onsite facilities and office space for apprentices including phones, copiers, colour printing facilities, computers and internet access. There is also limited access to an onsite vehicle.
- Some apprentices are in a position to self fund
- There is the potential of the provision of furnished accommodation in lieu of paid scholarship (17 Kokoda St North Ryde – 1km from the church)
- We encourage gospel generosity to fund the program. In 2011 the program will cost approximately \$40,000. We receive a \$5,000 donation from the Sydney Anglican Diocese.
- Tax deductibility. A proportion of the apprenticeship occurs in schools ministry which is tax deductible. Contact us for information about donating directly to our **Schools fund account**.
- Some students may like to explore **Timothy Partnership** with us as opposed to an MTS apprenticeship. Please speak to us further about this opportunity.

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