



2008 Subject Handbook



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Welcome to the 2008 STAMP Subject Handbook. In this publication you will find details on the subjects being taught at STAMP during the 2008 classroom phase of the program.

We are excited about the 2008 curriculum and believe it offers balanced and appropriate content that will allow each STAMP student to explore their full potential. The curriculum will also prepare the student for the six month practicum assignment that follows this curriculum.

The 2008 curriculum is broken up into three main areas of study. These being: Ministry Preparation (6 subjects); Ministry Training (6 subjects); Ministry Life (4 subjects).

The subjects will be taught over two terms in the first half of 2008. All the key dates are outlined in this handbook.

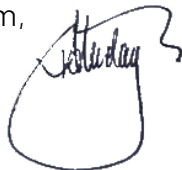
The learning will take place in the Lisarow Ministry Centre and there will be eight teaching periods per week from Monday to Friday. Each teaching period runs for two hours.

Our teachers for the 2008 inaugural year will be Stuart Penhall, David Payne, Marvin Ancell, Herman Alexander, Carl Rudd, Jeff Brown and Cade Smith. At the time of print several other teachers are still to be confirmed, but will likely join our 2008 teaching roster.

Should you have any questions about the 2008 teaching curriculum please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks for being interested in STAMP and please continue to pray for the 2008 students and teachers as they participate in this wonderful teaching program.

In Him,



David Mowday
Chairman



Key Dates and Times

All classes in the 'classroom' phase at STAMP are taught at the *Lisarow Ministry Centre* located across from Lisarow Railway Station at 52 Railway Crescent, Lisarow. Our facilities have been remodeled to create a relaxed and enjoyable learning environment.

The 2008 Terms

Classes will be run over two terms as follows:

Term 1 starts Tuesday, 29 January and ends Friday, 11 April

Term 2 starts Monday, 28 April and ends Friday, 4 July

The 2008 Weekly Schedule

A normal study week consists of 8, 2 hour study blocks. In a normal week the pattern of study will be:

Monday -	Morning study block + Afternoon study block
Tuesday -	Morning study block + Afternoon study block
Wednesday -	Morning study block only
Thursday -	Morning study block + Afternoon study block
Friday-	Morning study block only

The 2008 Study Block Times

Students will come to the Ministry Centre by 9:00am Monday through Friday. The daily timetable will be:

9:00 - 9:30	Devotional Wed & Fri, Study time Mon, Tues, Thur
9:30 - 10:30	Morning study block, session I
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Morning study block, session II

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the afternoon timetable will be:

12:45 - 1:45	Afternoon study block, session I
1:45 - 2:00	Break
2:00 - 3:00	Afternoon study block, session II

Subject Summary

The STAMP 2008 subjects are divided into three main groups. Each group is designed to compliment the other to equip the student to have the best ministry experience possible. Completion of all 16 subjects is required by each STAMP student.

Ministry Preparation

These subjects are the knowledge based subjects that help improve the students Bible knowledge. In 2008 there will be six in total and they have a '100' series catalogue number.

- 101 Exploring the Old Testament
- 102 Exploring the New Testament
- 103 Exploring God's Eternal Plan
- 104 Exploring Great Lives
- 105 Exploring the Evidence - God, Are You Really There?
- 106 Exploring Belief - Christendom's and Other Beliefs

Ministry Training

These subjects are very practical in content and will help students with application and putting ideas into practice. In 2008 there will be six in total and they have a '200' series catalogue number.

- 201 Finding the Message
- 202 Help, I've Got To Teach
- 203 Evangelism - Reaching Out To Others
- 204 You're Asking Me To Speak In Public?
- 205 Ministry In Today's Church
- 206 The Heart of Worship

Ministry Life

These subjects are also very practical in content and will help the student build a balanced life and in making wise decisions. In 2008 there will be four in total and they have a '300' series catalogue number.

- 301 From Classroom To Congregation
- 302 The Truth About Life, Love and Sex
- 303 God, Careers and Work
- 304 The Christian's Finances

Term 1 2008 Timetable

Term 1 has 160 hours of teaching or 80, 2 hour teaching blocks. Refer to page 5 for subject catalogue information and pages 8 and following for full subject descriptions. AM denotes a morning class (block) , PM denotes an afternoon class (block).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	28-Jan Australia Day	29-Jan -----ORIENTATION-----	30-Jan	31-Jan 101 AM 101 PM	1-Feb 101 AM
Week 2	4-Feb 101 AM 303 PM	5-Feb 101 AM 303 PM	6-Feb 101 AM	7-Feb 101 AM 303 PM	8-Feb 101 AM
Week 3	11-Feb 102 AM 102 PM	12-Feb 102 AM 102 PM	13-Feb 102 AM	14-Feb 102 AM 102 PM	15-Feb 102 AM
Week 4	18-Feb 102 AM 102 PM	19-Feb 102 AM 102 PM	20-Feb 102 AM	21-Feb 102 AM 102 PM	22-Feb 102 AM
Week 5	25-Feb 103 AM 103 PM	26-Feb 103 AM 103 PM	27-Feb 103 AM	28-Feb 103 AM 103 PM	29-Feb 103 AM
Week 6	3-Mar 105 AM 105 PM	4-Mar 105 AM 105 PM	5-Mar 105 AM	6-Mar 105 AM 105 PM	7-Mar 105 AM
Week 7	10-Mar 202 AM 202 PM	11-Mar 202 AM 202 PM	12-Mar 202 AM	13-Mar 202 AM 202 PM	14-Mar 202 AM
Week 8	17-Mar 203 AM 203 AM	18-Mar 203 AM 203 PM	19-Mar 203 AM	20-Mar 203 AM 201 AM	21-Mar Good Friday
Week 9	24-Mar Easter Monday	25-Mar 201 AM 201 PM	26-Mar 201 AM	27-Mar 201 AM 201 PM	28-Mar 204 AM
Week 10	31-Mar 301 AM 201 PM	1-Apr 301 AM 201 PM	2-Apr 301 AM	3-Apr 301 AM 303 PM	4-Apr 204 AM
Week 11	7-Apr 301 AM 303 PM	8-Apr 301 AM 303 PM	9-Apr 301 AM	10-Apr 301 AM 303 PM	11-Apr 204 AM

Term 2 2008 Timetable

Term 2 has 160 hours of teaching or 80, 2 hour teaching blocks. Refer to page 5 for subject catalogue information and pages 8 and following for full subject descriptions.

101 Exploring the Old Testament ■ 102 Exploring the New Testament ■ 103 Exploring God's Eternal Plan ■ 104 Exploring Great Lives ■ 105 Exploring the Evidence - God, Are You Really There? ■ 106 Exploring Belief - Christendom's and Other Beliefs ■ 201 Finding the Message ■ 202 Help, I've Got To Teach ■ 203 Evangelism - Reaching Out To Others ■ 204 You're Asking Me To Speak In Public? ■ 205 Ministry In Today's Church ■ 206 The Heart of Worship ■ 301 From Classroom To Congregation ■ 302 The Truth About Life, Love and Sex ■ 303 God, Careers and Work ■ 304 The Christian's Finances

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	28-Apr 205 AM 205 PM	29-Apr 205 AM 205 PM	30-Apr 205 AM	1-May 205 AM 205 PM	2-May 204 AM
Week 2	5-May 205 AM 205 PM	6-May 205 AM 205 PM	7-May 205 AM	8-May 205 AM 205 PM	9-May 204 AM
Week 3	12-May 304 AM 304 PM	13-May 304 AM 304 PM	14-May 304 AM	15-May 304 AM 304 PM	16-May 204 AM
Week 4	19-May 203 AM 203 PM	20-May 203 AM 203 PM	21-May 203 AM	22-May 203 AM 203 PM	23-May 204 AM
Week 5	26-May 104 AM 104 PM	27-May 104 AM 104 PM	28-May 104 AM	29-May 30-May Condensed Learning Retreat (5 X 203) 29 May to 31 May	
Week 6	2-Jun 206 AM 104 PM	3-Jun 206 AM 104 PM	4-Jun 206 AM	5-Jun 206 AM 104 PM	6-Jun 204 AM
Week 7	9-Jun Queen's Birthday	10-Jun 106 AM 302 PM	11-Jun 302 AM	12-Jun 106 AM 302 PM	13-Jun 204 AM
Week 8	16-Jun 106 AM 302 AM	17-Jun 106 AM 302 PM	18-Jun 302 AM	19-Jun 106 AM 302 AM	20-Jun 204 AM
Week 9	23-Jun 106 AM 302 PM	24-Jun 106 AM 302 PM	25-Jun 106 AM	26-Jun 106 AM 106 PM	27-Jun 204 AM
Week 10	30-Jun 106 AM 106 PM	1-Jul 106 AM 106 PM	2-Jul 106 AM	3-Jul 106 AM 106 PM	4-Jul 204 AM

Subject Outlines

Ministry Preparation Classes

101 Exploring the Old Testament

8 Blocks – Total of 16 hours

This class will provide an overview of the Old Testament with an emphasis of the “Main Thread of the Old Testament”.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Be able to provide an outline (in sequence) of Old Testament history covering such major events/periods as creation, the Fall, the Flood, the origins of Israel’s tribes, Israel’s time in Egypt, the exodus from Egypt, the giving of the Law, the conquest of Canaan, the period of the judges, the early monarchy, the divided kingdom, the fall of Israel and Judah, and the restoration.
- Be able (from memory) to state where the major Old Testament books (“Genesis” to “Daniel”) fit into the sequence of Old Testament chronology.

102 Exploring the New Testament

16 Blocks – Total of 32 hours

This class will explore the ministry of Jesus and the progress of the Church He died to establish.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Be able to provide an outline (in sequence) of New Testament history covering such major events as Jesus life, ministry, death and Resurrection and growth of the Church.
- Be able (from memory) to state the major theme of the Epistles and where they fit into the sequence of New Testament chronology.

- Be able to summarize Paul's major journeys.

103 Exploring God's Eternal Plan

8 Blocks – Total of 16 hours

This course considers God's plan of salvation as it unfolds from before the foundation of the world to its intended fulfillment in the Church.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Understand the Biblical account of how God's scheme of redemption unfolded from before Creation, through the Fall and the Old Testament period, on to Christ's sacrifice, His resurrection, and the establishment of Christianity.
- Be able to identify some specific Bible texts which teach a person how to be saved.
- Be able to explain how Christians can remain assured of their salvation through the grace of God.
- Understand why an individual's relationship with God cannot be divorced from their relationship with God's Church.

104 Exploring Great Lives

8 Blocks – Total of 16 hours

Considers the lives of some of the greatest servants of God down through the ages.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Be able to detail the achievements of some of the great people of God.
- Be familiar with what made the great people of God great.

- Be able to appreciate qualities which contribute to greatness in the sight of God.

105 Exploring the Evidence - God, Are You Really There?

8 Blocks – Total of 16 hours

A study of the Biblical and extra Biblical evidence for God, Jesus and the Bible in light of contemporary philosophical and social thought.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Be able to discuss the evidence (both Biblical and extra Biblical) which point to God's existence.
- Be able to discuss the scientific method and its significance in regard to harmonising the Bible and science.
- Be able to state why (on the basis of evidence) it is reasonable to believe in the reliability of the Scriptures, the fact of Christ's existence, the reality of Christ's miracles and resurrection, and the authenticity of Christ's divinity.
- Understand that the Bible both justifies the use of, and is itself, evidence supporting the Christian faith.

106 Exploring Belief - Christendom's and other Beliefs

17 Blocks – Total of 34 hours

Looks at the belief systems of the various major religions and philosophies of the world as well as the principal groups within Christendom.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Understand and explain some of the more common denominational beliefs and practices which they are likely to meet in Australasia.

- Be aware of the influence which contemporary social attitudes can have on Christian individuals and the Church in general. Such attitudes include postmodernism, relativism, pluralism, consumerism, and feminism.
- Have an understanding of the history and basic teachings of the various religions of the world.



Ministry Training Classes

201 Finding The Message

8 Blocks – Total of 16 hours

The series will provide basic, practical guidelines on how to study the Bible.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Know how to objectively and analytically study any passage of Scripture with the aim of understanding the meaning and application(s) of such a passage.
- Understand the appropriate use of such study tools as Study Bibles, commentaries, Bible encyclopedia and dictionaries both in book and electronic forms.

202 Help, I've Got To Teach!

8 Blocks – Total of 16 hours

Students will learn how to prepare and present Bible Classes, taking into consideration the characteristics of various age groups from pre-schoolers to adults. The focus is on Sunday and midweek classes, as well as school Scripture classes.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Know how to choose subjects and teaching methods suitable to various age groups.
- Know the value of planning and preparing classes in terms of curricula, rather than in terms of single, unrelated lessons.
- Know how to prepare and teach Bible classes and manage a classroom effectively.
- Know how to evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching.

203 Evangelism – Reaching and Teaching Others

18 Blocks – Total of 36 hours

A consideration of various methods for reaching people with the Gospel together with an examination of various evangelistic Bible study methods and how to use them.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Have learned a variety of ways in which to approach other people in various circumstances with the aim of setting up evangelistic Bible studies.
- Feel more confident and enthusiastic in regard to initiating spiritual discussions with those who are not members of the church.
- Have learned a variety of settings and sources for contacting people with the aim of teaching them the gospel.
- Know how, and in what circumstances, to use a variety of at least three different evangelistic Bible study methods (e.g. assigned Bible reading & discussion; evangelistic Bible study using “Mark”; modified O.B.S.; etc.)

204 You're Asking Me To Speak in Public?

12 Blocks – Total of 24 hours

This series provides opportunity to develop public speaking skills by providing a forum in which classes and lessons are presented and critiqued.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Have gained experience in the delivery of lessons and classes.
- Know what to include and what to avoid in lesson presentation.

- Should be aware of how to present themselves and their message during the actual preaching of a sermon / teaching of a class.

205 Ministry In Today's Church

14 Blocks – Total of 28 hours

This series looks at ministry opportunities for both sexes in today's Church. It considers developing, structuring and delivering ministry programs in light of the dynamics of the contemporary Church.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Have an understanding of the various “strands” of the restoration movement seen in Australia today.
- Be aware of the various issues which confront congregations in the 21st century.
- Have learned the foundation principles of both men's and women's ministry as taught in the New Testament and why New Testament principles concerning these ministries still apply today regardless of contemporary social attitudes.
- Understand how to identify and develop ministry opportunities in a local congregation.
- Be able to overcome the common obstacles to success in various ministries within a local congregation.
- Have a basic understanding of the establishment and development of “non-denominational” churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand.

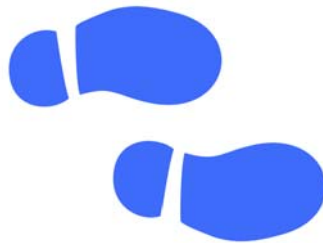
206 The Heart of Worship

4 Blocks – Total of 8 hours

As well as providing practical training to enable young people to lead in various aspects of worship, this course will also consider the aims of corporate worship and considerations of how to make such worship more effective.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Understand (both male and female) the purpose and nature of worship in general and of specific aspects of worship (prayer, singing, the Lord's Supper, giving, Bible reading).
- Know how to lead in each aspect of worship so that the purpose of each of these aspects can be fulfilled within the worship assembly.
- Have developed a broad range of Scripture passages and relevant thoughts which can be used in relation to the Lord's Supper and giving.
- Have gained (female students) experience in leading devotionals, prayers, Bible readings and singing for ladies' groups.
- Understand, (male and female) and be able to lead, various types of prayer; praise; thanksgiving; supplication; confession.



Ministry Life Classes

301 From Classroom To Congregation

8 blocks - Total of 16 hours

Classes will provide students with guidelines for personal conduct and development during the practicum and thereafter. Each unit of study has a dual role of helping the STAMP student in addition to giving them material to help other with.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Know the definition and understanding of wisdom; have an understanding of Christ like attitude; and know that conduct follows character.
- Understand integrity, its traits and how to build it. Define the difference between promise and intention. How to prioritise and the difference between urgent and important.
- Learn how to build a personal and committed prayer life. The lost art of confession. Develop good Bible study habits and maintain spiritual health.

302 The Truth About Life, Love and Sex

9 blocks - Total of 18 hours

Classes will provide students with an understanding of God's view of relationships, sex and marriage. Students will cover key themes of purity; media management skills; the dangers of pornography; finding the right partner; the difference between love, lust and infatuation; consequences of pre-marital sex; walking in the other gender's shoes for a day. Some gender specific classes.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Learn that God is big on purity; Why teach on abstinence?; The importance of character; God's design for healthy human relationships; What is marriage about?; Conducting healthy human

- relationships in any state and age.
- Learn media literacy and tips on dealing and living in a Godly way in a sex saturated society.
- Learn that premarital sex has consequences. Problems with STD's, HIV / AID's, unwanted pregnancy, dealing with guilt. God's grace. Abstinence works every time. The oxymoron of Safe Sex. Abstinence tactics. Helping others with abstinence.
- Learn about the other gender's view of love, relationship and security. How manipulation works across genders. Seeking a woman's highest good. Seeking a man's highest good. What comes between "How do you do?" and "I do!"? How do you find a lifetime partner in a God centred way?

303 God, Careers and Work

7 blocks - Total of 14 hours

This course will enable students to evaluate career choices in the light of personal and spiritual considerations. The course will also discuss such matters as Christian work ethics, development of on-the-job skills, the Christian's relationship with their employer and fellow employees, and the Christian's influence for Christ within their work environment.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Have developed the skills required to build a career path in keeping with Christian values and personal abilities. Students will also have developed the skills required to establish a plan of action and commitment to their chosen career path.
- Be able to define work: The students will study the meaning of work and the cycle of labour and income in relation to their identity.

- Investigate behaviour at work: The students will gain skills enabling them to build integrity, maintain honesty, and delay gratification. They will also learn the role of self-discipline and advanced decision-making. They will explore and question the concept of work/life balance, as well as learning how to deal with ambition and competition.
- Be true to who I am: The students will learn about evangelizing, and taking godly living into, the work place.

304 The Christian's Finances

7 blocks - Total of 14 hours

Biblical principles and practical guidelines on how Christians can manage their income and expenditure. Key principles taught will be stewardship, giving, budgeting, debt, saving and investing.

At the conclusion of the course, students will:

- Learn the Biblical view of money and the key concepts of generosity and giving.
- Learn how to use financial tools such as budgets, income and expenditure statements, and balance sheets.
- Come to understand the roles of credit, borrowing, consumerism, investing, and saving, as well as basic economic principles such as supply and demand.

A Flexible Approach

The 16 subjects and classroom teaching for 2008 is designed to fit in with TAFE OTEN studies, part time work or any other activities that the student may have.

The classroom teaching time equates to 16 hours per week. We understand that when we account for breaks, devotionals etc each student will be 'in the classroom' a little longer than 16 hours per week. Suffice to say, there is still another 22 hours per week that can be utilised before a student fills a standard 38 hour week.

Each STAMP subject has a minimal homework load. There will be some assessment activities so we can ensure that students are comprehending what they are learning. Some of the assessments will be very practical in nature, in preparation for the field assignment at a congregation in the second half of the year.

The teachers and STAMP staff will be there to support the students along the way. Although academic quality will be important, the students attitude and enthusiasm to apply what is learnt, is by far the greatest outcome we are looking for during the 'classroom' phase. The classes are not only designed to help with STAMP student's learning, but also provide them with material to teach others.

Our teachers are sound Christian men and women, who are very talented in teaching in the areas of Ministry Preparation, Ministry Training and Ministry Life. Their desire is to see the STAMP student grow in faith, confidence, courage and wisdom so they can make the best life decisions.





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