Creating Caring Communities - Course Information

This short course, Creating Caring Communities (CCC), aims to build a foundation to grow congregations as supportive communities and in numbers. It was devised by the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland and fills a space in training offered by the Lutheran Church of Australia Qld District.

While St Andrews has a caring and welcoming feeling, we can be unaware of the actions and words that can unintentionally cause others to feel excluded or not valued.

The course of 4 sessions, each of 3-4 hours, builds participants' understanding and skills gradually, providing an opportunity for them to use what they have learned, in their daily interactions, whether at home, work, school, in the community, at church or at social and sports clubs: everywhere, in fact.

To embed learning in the daily lives and interactions of participants, each session concludes with Skills Practice using real scenarios from various activities and ministries. While these scenarios may have arisen from within the context of particular groups and ministries, similar situations could arise in interactions in St Andrews and in other life contexts within the church as well as in other clubs, groups, workplace Participants are encouraged to participate in a variety of these scenarios to widen their experience and understanding.

Because building up the body of Christ is of great importance, this course, conducted by a trained presenter, is provided for $25 per person. Other denominations and those with no faith connection are also welcome to join this course at the same fee. There are 24 places in this course.

Those who complete the course are awarded a Certificate of Completion. This course was designed for Anglicans but is of benefit to all people, teaching an awareness of what characterises a caring community and the skills to foster it.

This course guides participants in ways of being an open, generously hospitable community where members and visitors are accepted, respected and made most welcome.