## The History of GENTS

The first GENTS Camp was held in Queensland in the September school holidays in 2003 as a place for teenage boys to engage in positive activities during their school break. It ran that year at Luther Heights Youth Camp, Coolum Beach, with 18 campers, and 9 leaders. Over the next three years GENTS Camp grew significantly until one camp could no longer accommodate the number of boys wishing to attend.

In 2007, a second GENTS Camp commenced in the Easter school holidays, at Teen Missions Campsite at Tewantin. From 2007 – 2009, GENTS Camp had over 600 campers and regularly booked out. In 2010, a third and fourth GENTS Camp commenced, both running concurrently at Easter time. GENTS Camp split into a Alpha and Bravo Camps as well as a Primary (grades 5-7) Camp, due to popular demand.

In January 2012, Father/Son GENTS Camp commenced and in 2014 GENTS Camp will be starting up in Far-North Queensland.

In 2014, GENTS Camp ran for the first time in South Australia, and a number of new locations around Australia and the Pacific are seeking to start their own GENTS Camp.

The amazing GENTS Camp phenomenon continues to this day, and we believe that GENTS Camps will soon be all over the world!