Christian Leadership Training
for People of a Non-English Speaking Background
**TransFormation**

What is the TransFormation program?

The TransFormation program involves:

- **Sessions on 10 Saturdays per year for 3 years at Whitley College.**
- **Sessions run from 9.30am – 4.00pm.**

The program is taught in English but allows time for questions and sharing in your own language groups where possible.

The program is open to women and men from a non-English speaking background, from all denominations, who have their Church’s support and encouragement. Students are accepted at the beginning of each year.

The TransFormation program has a variety of assessment tasks and includes study in the following areas: Theology, Spiritual Growth, Old Testament, New Testament, Evangelism & Mission, Church History, Worship & Preaching, Baptist Principles & Practice, Pastoral Care, Church Leadership & Administration.

**TransFormation 2015 will be offered on the following Saturdays:**

- 28 February, 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 13 June, 25 July, 22 August, 12 September, 10 October and 7 November


**TransFormation**

A great opportunity to spend time in serious learning and share fellowship with like-minded people as you seek to follow Christ and serve in Churches in Australia’s multicultural society.

The TransFormation program provides training for Church leaders from all denominations of non-English speaking backgrounds.

It combines study, spiritual growth, worship and community experience which are essential in the formation of Christian leaders. It is designed to help people overcome the obstacles of time, money and language that have previously prevented them from attending existing courses of college study.

**Growing Faith for Life and Ministry**

Are you looking to grow in understanding of your faith?
Are you wanting to be better equipped for service in your local church, your community, your workplace, or overseas?
Whitley College offers courses of study appropriate to your background, shaped in ways that reflect your needs and goals.

**Whitley: growing FAITH for LIFE and MINISTRY**

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**TransFormation**

9.30 Gather to share stories over coffee and tea
9.45 Worship
10.00 Morning Session (3 hours)
1.00 Lunch (provided)
2.00 Afternoon Session (2 hours)
4.00 End of teaching sessions

Sessions will include time for lots of questions with the opportunity for discussion and sharing ideas and talking through issues. Each Saturday a sponsoring church provides an authentic meal from their tradition. There are breaks for tea and coffee which offer opportunities to meet with people and share your common story of Faith and effective church mission.
**Pathway**

**Pathway and Further study**
It is possible to train towards a Diploma of Ministry from the University of Divinity for those who want to extend their studies after finishing the TransFormation course.

**David Han**
(Journey from TransFormation to Master degree)

“I started my exciting journey with Jesus Christ from the TransFormation course in Whitley College 10 years ago. I didn’t expect I could finish my MA degree when I decided to study TransFormation course at that time. However, the TransFormation course was really nice pathway for me to study Diploma, Bachelor and finally Master Degree. If you want to serve your church with true leadership, I strongly recommend the TransFormation course for you.”

**Ordination**
The program provides an alternative pathway for those seeking Ordination and Accreditation by the Baptist Union of Victoria. There are additional steps that will be necessary for those wanting to do this.

**Laivet Mami**
(Victorian Matu Christian Church/Ordination in 2014)

“I studied TransFormation course and ordained in 2014 by the Baptist Union of Victoria. I was a pastor with 24 years experience in my ministry but TransFormation course was really good time to review everything what I studied in old times and helped me to increase my English communication skills.”

**Rev Dr Richard Mallaby**
BSc(Agric), BD, MEnvirSci, DMinStuds / Coordinator of Transformation Program

Richard Mallaby worked in agriculture in Western Australia before studying theology at the Baptist Theological College of WA and working in West Papua with Service Fellowship International in community development. Since returning to Australia in 1997, he has worked in pastoral ministry within Churches of Christ, and then for the last ten years, at Box Hill Baptist church with his wife, Anne.

Richard’s doctorate explored the experience of wonder and encounter for children in the natural world, and his pastoral ministry is significantly influenced by the need for creative and explorative experiences with children. He is keenly aware of environmental and social issues, and participates in theological dialogue on current concerns.

He serves on the Multicultural Committee of the Baptist Union of Victoria, and in serving at Box Hill, is actively engaged in encouraging multicultural ministries.

**Robyn Song** (Assistant Coordinator)

“I studied transformation course few years ago and I am currently serving as an assistant coordinator for TransFormation. You can mingle with others, learn from others and share life together through this great program. The TransFormation course is unique in Australia and we are very proud of this program. Richard and I look forward to welcoming your application.”

**Costs**
The TransFormation program costs for 2015 are $350 per person. We encourage your church to help you pay for your fees. You can apply for scholarships that may be available for all or part of these fees. If you require financial assistance, you need to apply for this in your application form.
**Fiona (Chinese Background)**

“God loves me so much and God is so good to me. So, I would like to know more about Jesus Christ. All teachers helped me a lot and my English skill has been improved and grown. I learned why Jesus came to this World and he died to save us. I love here Whitley College and I am really enjoying the learning at Whitley. We, all students are from different countries and I met really good friends here.”

**Sarah Park (Korean Background)**

“Actually I realized that I want to be a God’s witness. Then I have to know about God also I have to experience God. I decided to learn more about God and come Whitley to study ‘TransFormation’ course. This TransFormation course was really valuable and suit for me to learn God. We have great teachers which from both Whitley College and BUV and they are sharing their life through the TransFormation course.”

**Wilson Dahn (African Background)**

“I arrived in Australia 3 years ago. If you want to learn about the leadership in your church, I believe the TransFormation is a really good course for you because we can learn to understand each other from different cultures. What I am enjoying in this course is the knowing about cultures and backgrounds in Christianity in both Australia and the world.”

**Darius Cooper (African Background)**

“TransFormation helps you to grow and know each other who have different backgrounds. It’s a good place to be and I believe the TransFormation course can transform you as a real Christian. I strongly recommend TransFormation course to my best friends. Choose Whitley College and be part of there.”
We welcome your questions and enquiries.

**Please contact the Coordinator**
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If you are applying to take part in the program, you will need to include a letter of support from the Pastor or Secretary of your Church.

**Please fill in the application form and send to:**
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