

RBS 2018

RESIDENTIAL BIBLE SCHOOL

*Teach us to number our days
so we may gain a heart of wisdom
Ps 90:12*

**DON'T
WASTE
YOUR
LIFE**

Your life is ticking away.
How will you live the rest of it?

Get serious with God.
Get grounded in His Word.
Make your life count
for something **greater**.



1 JAN - 8 FEB 2018

Highlands Christian
Centre, Tanah Rata,
Cameron Highlands

Closing Date:
1 October 2017

WHAT IS RBS ALL ABOUT?

RBS is an annual short-term school run by the Brethren Assemblies of Malaysia, as a ministry of Inter Brethren Assemblies (IBA) Youth Development. It is designed for Christian young people interested in growing in their relationship with God, equipping themselves with a better knowledge of God's Word, and learning skills to serve God more effectively. The focus is on **discipleship** based on the **Word of God** as the foundation for all aspects of our life.

The RBS curriculum is designed to:

- **INSPIRE** you to a heartfelt and committed devotion to God;
- **INSTRUCT** you in his Word in the fundamentals of your faith, so that you might grow to become a mature, thinking Christian rather than a spoon-fed one;
- **INVOLVE** you in practical service for God through the missions trips.

The RBS 2018 programme includes:

- Lectures and workshops
- Assignments and journaling
- Communal worship, prayer and daily devotions
- Weekend mission trip to the Orang Asli villages
- Mission trip to small churches throughout Malaysia
- Games and outdoor activities
- Personal counselling (voluntary)
- Graduation Night

WHO CAN ATTEND RBS?

RBS is targeted at students in their late teens, specifically those who have just completed Form 5 and 6 and are waiting for their exam results. Others may apply and will be considered on an individual basis. Preference is given to youth from Brethren assemblies throughout Malaysia. Applicants from non-Brethren churches will be considered on a standby basis. You must be a born-again Christian and the leaders of your church must approve your application to attend RBS.

Please note that if you are accepted, you must attend the entire duration of the school (exceptions will only be provided for family emergencies).

WHAT WILL I LEARN AT RBS?

OLD & NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEWS	BIBLE STUDY METHODS
A bird's-eye view of both the Old and New Testaments - their structure, key themes and relevance to the rest of the Bible.	Different approaches to studying and interpreting the Bible on your own or in a group, and the tools available to help you.
BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS & APOLOGETICS	ME & ... (series)
Key doctrines explained: God, man, sin, Christ, and salvation; and how to answer common objections unbelievers raise.	What God has to say about relating with your parents and family, the opposite sex, your church, country, world and media.
COMPARATIVE RELIGION	CREATIVITY
What some major world religions and cults believe in comparison with Christian beliefs.	How to integrate creativity with your faith and express it daily in your walk with God and service for him.
CHURCH HISTORY	OVERVIEW OF THE BRETHREN
How the Church has developed since its beginnings, and some of the key people and movements and their significance.	Why and how the Brethren movement came to be, what was important to us, where we are now, and where we are going.
DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS	DISCOVERING THE FATHER'S HEART
Understanding spiritual gifts and finding out just how God has gifted you for his service.	How truly knowing God as your Father and your status and identity as his child will transform your life.
WORSHIP	SEXUALITY
A biblical understanding of worship, with practical guidelines for improving the quality of our personal and communal worship.	Understanding why God made us male and female, and how to live out our sexuality confidently and to the glory of God.
PRAYER	FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH
Different aspects of prayer and how you can deepen your own prayer life and discern God's voice.	How to grow as a complete individual - body, soul and spirit - in accordance with God's desires for you.
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
The disciplines of meditation, fasting, submission, giving, acts of kindness, self-denial, silence and simplicity.	How to be able to reach out to and communicate effectively and creatively with children.
SHARING YOUR FAITH	KNOWING GOD'S WILL
How to share your faith naturally, clearly and effectively.	How to discern God's will for your life.
MISSIONS	ANGER: A TOOL FOR CHANGE
Why we are all called to missions, and how you can be a part of God's exciting plan for the nations.	What God has to say about anger and how to deal with it in a God-honouring way.
PREPARING YOUR TESTIMONY	
The basics of writing a personal testimony that you can share with others.	...and much, much more!

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost for RBS 2018 is **RM1400 per person for applicants from IBA-affiliated churches** (you will be required to pay RM700. The balance of RM700 will be paid by your church) and **RM1700 per person for applicants from non IBA-affiliated churches**.

This fee covers all materials, accommodation and food during the length of RBS 2018, personal accident insurance and transport to and from your mission trip destinations. You will have to pay for and arrange your own transportation to Cameron Highlands at the start of RBS and your transportation home after RBS. You will also need to bring some spending money for other expenses you may incur during RBS (e.g. laundry, own food, book purchases etc). Please take note that all students are required to purchase one book for a book report during RBS. You may allocate around RM40 for this.

The difference in the fees above reflects the subsidy given by IBA to students from affiliated churches, as IBA is primarily funded by contributions from those churches. Applicants from non-affiliated churches pay a fee that is closer to the actual cost incurred by that student for the duration of the school.

Parents of IBA-affiliated applicants who are financially able to bear the full cost of the fees for RBS 2018 are strongly encouraged to consider reimbursing the church portion of the fees (RM700) directly to the church itself. We encourage this in order to ease the financial burden of the sending church.

Cost or other factors should not stand in the way of those who truly desire to attend RBS. Contact your church leaders or the RBS Committee if you encounter any hindrances or restrictions, financial or otherwise, that prevent you from coming to RBS.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

To register for RBS 2018, simply obtain an application form from your church elder or youth worker (or download your form from www.rbs.org.my), fill it out, and mail it together with the **RBS 2018 fee** (payable by cheque only and in favour of 'Residential Bible School') to:

**RBS 2018 (c/o May Lee Hilmy)
33 Lorong Burhanuddin Helmi 11
Taman Tun Dr Ismail
60000 Kuala Lumpur**

Remember the closing date for RBS 2018 is **1 October 2017**. Applications received after this date may be rejected. Applications received without the accompanying fee payment will also be rejected. There is a maximum enrolment of **52 students**, and places at RBS fill up very quickly, so don't delay! All applications will be treated on a first-come first-served basis.

If you have any enquiries or comments, please contact **May Lee Hilmy** at **016-2406444** or e-mail her at office@ibayd.org.