

COMMUNITY SERVICE

POLICY

Rationale:

- Concern for other less fortunate members of the community in which we live is a fundamental trait of a well adjusted and compassionate community member. Our school seeks to build upon the social consciousness of our students, by providing opportunities for them to experience the satisfaction of giving, supporting and helping those in need.

Aims:

- To develop within students an awareness and appreciation of the problems facing other members of the community and a desire to help people in need.
- To provide a formal opportunity for students to assist those who are less fortunate, and to allow them to develop the skills that will enable them to help.

Implementation:

- Individual students, groups and classes of children are all required to involve themselves in community service projects throughout the year.
- Each class of students will be required to identify, plan and implement a community service project of some significance each year.
- Junior School Council will research and then select up to two major community service projects per year, will draft a strategy to support each project, and will seek formal approval from School Council before embarking upon any particular project.
- Each Junior School Council project will be overseen by a designated teacher-in-charge.
- While community projects may include some element of fund-raising, students will be encouraged to identify and implement alternative means of support or assistance than simply providing financial assistance or purchasing goods.
- Community service activities, including funds raised and letters of appreciation, will be published in the school newsletter and broader media where appropriate.
- Community social service projects may include, but are not limited to, local activities such as environmental projects, invitations to assist volunteer agencies, performances for hospital patients, assistance to elderly residents, or visit and support to members of aged care facilities etc.
- Each student's contribution to community service will be reported in their half year and annual school progress reports.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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