

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER SLEEP OUT

Dear Parents,

On the afternoon and evening of **Friday 24 May** students on the Marcellin Campus (Years 7 – 12) at Newman College will have the opportunity to participate in the **St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleep Out**.

The theme of the sleepout is homelessness and aligns with the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2018–2019 Social Justice Statement, titled; *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*, which was written in response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia.

The statement examines the extent of Australia's homelessness and housing crisis because, despite Australia's wealth, the number of Australians who are homeless has grown to more than 116,000. The statement emphasises that secure housing is a human right and an uncontested public good, affirmed by both Catholic teaching and the Declaration of Human Rights. The Scriptural basis of this year's statement is Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–35). It is in this parable that an outsider stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety and pays for his care.

Students participating in the Sleep Out will participate in advocacy activities that explore homelessness in Australia, Catholic Social Teaching and what they can do, as individuals and as a community, to help address the issues connected to homelessness.

If your child would like to participate in this event, please read the information overleaf, complete an expression of interest form attached and return to Miss Clare Cole in the Ministry Office located in the Champagnat Chapel. Students will then be chosen to participate in this event and parents will be notified via Consent2Go.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Miss Clare Cole, Leader of Youth Ministry and Advocacy, on 92049416 or alternatively at clare.cole@cewa.edu.au

Kind regards,



Clare Cole
LEADER OF YOUTH MINISTRY AND ADVOCACY

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER SLEEP OUT

DATE: Friday 24 May, 2019.

TIME: 3.15pm Wednesday Friday 24 May to 9.00am Saturday 25 May, 2019.

MEAL:

- **Afternoon tea:** Students are encouraged to bring something small to share with the group (no nuts please).
- **Dinner:** A light meal of rice will be provided to the students participating in this event.
- **Breakfast:** selection of cereals and toast.

BEDDING: Students are required to bring a small sleeping mat and pillow (no blow up mattresses please).

PROGRAM:

FRIDAY

- 3.15pm-3.30pm:** Students arrive. Bags to be brought into Auditorium.
- 3.30pm-4.00pm:** Activity: Facts about homeless in Australia.
- 4.00pm-5.30pm:** Documentary and debriefing activities about documentary.
- 5.30pm-6.30pm:** Dinner & clean up (Foyer).
- 6.30pm-7.45pm:** Input and panel discussion with representatives from the Archdiocese of Perth:
- *The Shopfront* (lived experience)
 - *The Justice, Ecology and Development Office.*
- 7.55pm-9.00 pm:** Catholic Social Teaching and Joseph Cardijn's 'Review of life' through the 'See – Judge – Act' model
- 8.30pm-9pm:** Prayer
- 9pm -9.30pm:** Prepare for bed
- 9.45pm:** Lights out

SATURDAY

- 7.30am – 8.00am:** Wake and pack up
- 8.00am – 8.45am:** Breakfast
- 8.45am – 9.00am:** Prayer and dismissal

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ST VINCENT SE PAUL WINTER SLEEP OUT**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

Please complete this form and return to Miss Clare Cole in the Ministry Office located in the Champagnat Ministry Office by Wednesday 8 May (Term 2, Week 2)

STUDENT NAME: _____ **YEAR:** _____ **GUILD:** _____

I would like to be considered as a participant for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Sleep Out on **Friday 24 May** from **3.15pm** until **Saturday 25 May** at **9.00am**.

Parents please complete the following:

I agree to my child to participating in the *St Vincent De Paul Winter Sleep Out* **Friday 24 May** from **3.15pm** until **Saturday 25 May** at **9.00am**.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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