Taking real world action at Caroline Chisholm college

Faith and Catholic identity are seen as more than just words at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College – rather, they are embodied in genuine and thoughtful actions towards supporting the community and the wider world. Through reflection days and faith education, the college's social justice program invites students to support the vulnerable in the community as well as growing their understanding of injustices in social structures.

The college is also committed to sustainability and takes up the challenge issued by Pope Francis to "protect our common home and to bring humanity together to seek a sustainable and equitable way forward for future generations". The school's student-led eco committee is tasked with educating the college community to explore how we live and how we can best improve the planet we inhabit.

The sense of social justice instilled at the college is evident in its student-led charitable work. Every year, house groups choose to support a different organisation as part of their fundraising efforts and 'Faith in Action' activities. In this way, student agency and ownership of specific causes is encouraged.

The recent Vinnies Winter Appeal was welcomed enthusiastically at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College and saw an abundance of donations from across all three campuses. Every year, students support Caritas Australia by focusing on Project Compassion throughout Lent. International Women's Day is a prominent feature on the social justice calendar, with all campuses holding events to raise awareness of inequality, and students are excitedly preparing for the July St Vinnies Winter School Sleepout to raise awareness and funds to support homelessness.

The sense of social justice instilled in students at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College is evident in the charitable work they carry out regularly. (Supplied)

Director of faith and mission, Tristan O'Brien, is proud at how active the student ministry team has been towards the cause.

"The Vinnies School Sleepout is a unique experience for staff and students alike to spend a night outdoors and getting a small taste of the injustice of homelessness," Tristan says.

"All involved volunteer their time, and are there to reflect and gain an eye-opening opportunity to grow in solidarity with those most vulnerable in our community."

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