



Saint Stephen's College

Extracurricular Handbook

Other Extracurricular Opportunities

Prep to Year 12

2021

Developing character,
inspiring hope

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Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a worldwide voluntary movement of people who are committed to promoting and defending human rights. Amnesty International is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion, and promotes general awareness of human rights and opposes specific abuses of human rights.

Our Amnesty International group consists of any number of students who get together to work for human rights by becoming involved in understanding diversity and working to actively promote and engage in promoting human rights. School groups also participate in fundraising and awareness raising events.

Further information about Amnesty International can be found via their website www.amnesty.org.au.

Activity Organiser:	Sarah Standage
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	All year, with meetings held monthly, or as needed.
Practice/Training:	No specific training is required but commitment is a must, as well as a passion to know more about human rights and the abuse of human rights.
Cost:	Nil, but members may need to commit to costs for potential excursions or contribute to the organisation of fundraising activities..
Enrolments:	Please contact Sarah Standage at the College on (07)5573 8668 or via sstandage@ssc.qld.edu.au .
<i>Nominal Pennant Points:</i>	<i>1 Pennant Point (10-20 hours)</i>

Art Program

After School Art with Cath's Creatives

Students will be involved in different art and crafts activities each afternoon, using many different and interesting techniques, with the students learning whilst thoroughly enjoying themselves in a safe, relaxed and creative environment.

Activity Organiser:	Cath Maundrill
Year Levels Available to:	Prep to Year 4
Time and Length of Activity:	Mondays to Fridays during Term Time, until 4.15pm. Prep students are collected directly from their classroom at 2.50pm
Cost:	\$15 per lesson, which includes all art equipment.
Enrolments:	Please contact Cath Maundrill directly on 0428 200 807 or via cathscreatives@gmail.com
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>Not available for this activity</i>

Holiday Art with Cath's Creatives

Students will be involved in different art and crafts activities each day, using many different and interesting techniques, with the students learning whilst thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Activity Organiser:	Cath Maundrill
Year Levels Available to:	Prep to Year 6
Time and Length of Activity:	During school holidays from 8am until 3pm. Details of the program are advertised via Acta Ludi.
Cost:	\$55 per day, which includes all art equipment.
Enrolments:	Please contact Cath Maundrill directly on 0428 200 807 or via cathscreatives@gmail.com
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>Not available for this activity</i>

Book Club

This is an opportunity for keen readers to share books that they have read with other students and promote a love of literature in the College. Students will have the opportunity to choose from the latest books purchased by the iCentre, and give and receive reading recommendations.

Activity Organiser:	Rebecca Horry
Year Levels Available to:	Years 9 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	All year, with two meetings held per term from 7.15am until 8.15am
Practice/Training:	Personal time dedicated to reading (approximately 2 hours per week).
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Rebecca Horry at the College on (07)5573 8696 or via rhorry@ssc.qld.edu.au .
<i>Nominal Pennant Points:</i>	<i>1 Pennant Point (10-20 hours)</i>

Connected Award

In times of need, families at Saint Stephen's College are quick to help out with donations of money, clothes and food goods. We pride ourselves on our ability to help others, but while the above items are very much appreciated, sometimes the greatest donation you can give is your time. Time to help; time to listen; time to just show you care.

The Saint Stephen's College Connected Award is earned by members of the Connections Program in exchange for volunteering their time. It is not compulsory, but is designed to promote Community Service and Awareness, as well as building the individual's leadership and self-esteem skills.

To earn a Connected Badge, each student must complete four points of Community Service Projects and four points within the Leadership events at the College. These items can be completed at any time over the two years that the student is a member of the Connections Program (Years 7 and 8).

Community Service Projects

To earn the appropriate points, students must perform community service at organisations within their local areas. Volunteering their time and skills to assist others is the goal. Volunteering Gold Coast is an excellent starting point; but local organisations, such as the Animal Welfare League, Riding for the Disabled, nursing homes, community centres and junior sporting teams are always in need of help. Many of these organisations would simply not be able to continue without the support of the community.

Leadership Events

These events will be organised by the student, but may take place on the weekend or during the holidays. To earn the appropriate point, students must take themselves outside their comfort zone and test their commitment, inner strength and character. Leadership points are awarded to individuals who take control of the situation by organising others to perform the activities, as well as themselves. These students show planning and leadership skills and apply them to benefit others.

Activity Organiser:	Mick Skehan
Year Levels Available to:	Connections Program (Years 7 and 8)
Time and Length of Activity:	Ongoing throughout the student's time in Year 7 and 8
Enrolments:	Please contact Mick Skehan at the College on (07)5573 8633 or via mskehan@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>2 Pennant Points for either Community Service or when leadership is awarded</i>

Debating

Debating is offered in the Senior School at both an Interhouse and Interschool level, through Gold Coast Debating. In the past, Saint Stephen's College has performed strongly at this level and interested students are welcome. Debating workshops are offered through the Gold Coast competition, as well as here at Saint Stephen's College. Coaches and adjudicators also play a vital role and we encourage any member of the College community who is interested in being involved in this area to enquire further. The Years 7 to 12 debating teams compete in Gold Coast Debating. There are four rounds of debates before the more successful teams debate in a sudden death four round competition to decide the final winners.

In 2021, there will be some after school debating workshops offered to students in Year 6, as well as the option to enter a local Junior Debating Competition held at Coomera Anglican College. These programs are designed to equip students for Senior Interhouse Debating, and Gold Coast Debating.

Any students showing an interest in debating are encouraged to participate. Students develop the ability to think and speak on their feet, and to work as a member of a team. All team members are taught the etiquette and intricacies of debating. Junior debaters must prepare at least one short preparation debate while the senior teams complete three short preparation debates. Most debaters find this short preparation format enjoyable and quite exhilarating. The College provides coaches for each team and adjudicators towards these competitions. At present, debating is on selected Wednesday nights at different venues around the Gold Coast.

Overall, students find the opportunity to share their ideas and opinions with an audience a most stimulating and rewarding experience and there is a strong following in both of these extracurricular areas at the College.

Activity Organiser:	Sam Cleary
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Approximately two terms. Four rounds of debates held on a Wednesday evening for approximately one hour
Practice/Training:	Teams meet regularly prior to debates
Performance/Competition:	Gold Coast Debating
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Sam Cleary at the College on (07)5573 8626 or via scleary@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	1 Pennant Point for 4 rounds 2 Pennant Points for 8 rounds

Duke of Edinburgh International Award Australia

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award Australia is an internationally recognised program for young people aged between 14 to 25 years that introduces them to a range of opportunities, new activities and skills, and it is all about challenge, adventure and achievement.

The program is a great way to:

- Try new things,
- Build your confidence by challenging yourself emotionally, physically and most of all, mentally;
- Hang out with friends whilst helping the community;
- Get active and improve your fitness.

As well as being part of all the adventure, students can also be involved in helping out local animal shelters, learn to play an instrument or play sport. The program has been running at Saint Stephen's College since 2000, and since then we have seen many students complete the requirements for Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

For further information, please visit www.dukesaward.qld.gov.au.

Award Qualification

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award consists of Bronze, Silver and Gold Award levels. You should start at the level that matches your age. The Award has been designed to enable you to experience a range of activities and opportunities in four distinct sections. These sections include:

- Skill;
- Physical Recreation;
- Service and Adventurous Journey;
- Volunteer work.

To qualify for a particular award, students must complete a nominated amount of requirements for each section; however, the timing of this participation is flexible to avoid placing additional stress on students. We have an exciting year planned - the Dukes team will be heading off on a number of exciting challenges, which may include hiking in Queensland and completing the Overland Track, Tasmania, scuba diving, sea kayaking and adventure hiking.

Don't miss out on the experiences!

Activity Organiser:	Shelley Haines
Year Levels Available to:	Any student who is 14 years of age or over
Time and Length of Activity:	Ongoing throughout the year
Cost:	\$161 direct entry into any award level (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) A \$100 continuation fee applies if the participant would like to continue from Bronze to Silver or Silver to Gold.
Enrolments:	Please contact Shelley McFarland at the College on (07)5573 8622 or via shaines@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	2 Pennant Points (20+ hours involvement per year)

Earlyact Club

Earlyact is a Service Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coomera River for students in Years 4 to 6. Earlyact provides an opportunity for students to meet new people, fundraise for multiple charities and support your local community, as well as the global community.

Earlyact offers you the opportunity to develop skills of leadership and personal integrity and the means to apply your skills for the betterment of others.

Activity Organiser:	Jane Howe
Year Levels Available to:	Years 4 to 6 (ages 8 to 12)
Time and Length of Activity:	All year, with fortnightly meetings on a Wednesday during lunch in Mrs Littman's classroom.
Practice/Training:	Office bearers complete a brief training session to develop an understanding of their roles and responsibilities.
Cost:	Annual Membership of \$2
Enrolments:	Please contact Jane Howe at the College on (07)5573 8695 or via jhowe@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>1 Pennant point (10-20 hours) for Members</i> <i>2 Pennant Points (20+ hours) for Office Bearers</i>

Gold Coast City Junior Council

Junior Council is a student leadership and civic program for young people in Years 10 and 11 attending high schools within the Gold Coast region. Junior Council is a two-year commitment that enables students to build confidence and provides opportunities for growth through engagement in a number of initiatives.

Each year, more than 100 students participate in the Junior Council Program from schools across the Gold Coast.

The program aims to provide young people with the opportunity to:

- develop a better understanding of the role and function of local government and our community;
- local issues;
- 'have a voice' by raising issues, exchanging ideas, discussing community issues and providing input into the city;
- planning programs and services;
- be involved in decision making processes and develop key skills, such as communication, consultation, leadership and program development;
- be connected and participate in our community life and meet like-minded young people.

For further information, please visit www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au

Activity Organiser:	Gavin Neuper
Year Levels Available to:	Years 10 and 11
Time and Length of Activity:	All year round, with meetings held bi-monthly at Council Chambers.
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Gavin Neuper at the College on (07)5573 8633 or via gneuper@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>Not available for this activity</i>

Interact Club

Interact is a Rotary sponsored service club for young people, aged 12 to 18 years (school-based). Interact provides opportunities for young people to participate in meaningful service projects. Interactors also develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends and developing networks.

The aim of Interact is to encourage young people through the ideal of service to be involved in both their local communities and in international projects.

Interact is also involved in a range of activities throughout the year, such as fundraising, attending events in the Community, such as the Anzac Parade and visiting aged care residences.

Activity Organiser:	Jane Howe
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12 (ages 12 to 18)
Time and Length of Activity:	All year round, with intermittent meetings in the Science Lecture Theatre. Correspondence via the Saint Stephen's College Interact 2020 Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/440192459418025/
Practice/Training:	Office bearers complete a brief training session to develop an understanding of their roles and responsibilities.
Cost:	Annual membership of \$5
Enrolments:	Please contact Jane Howe at the College on (07)5573 8695 or via jhowe@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>1 Pennant Point (10-20 hours), which may increase based on participation in special projects.</i> <i>2 Pennant Points (20+ hours) for Office Bearers</i>

Kokoda Challenge

The Kokoda Challenge involves one team of four students entered into the Kokoda Challenge Competition, who are assisted and supervised by a group of teachers from the College.

All interested students are required to complete an application form and will then have the opportunity to hike along a section of the actual course. After this, the Saint Stephen's College Kokoda Team will be announced.

Each student will be provided with a training program to follow. This will enable each student to be fully prepared and fit enough for the 96km course through the rugged terrain.

The Kokoda Challenge is available to students from Years 9 to 12 with only four students permitted to enter into the competition. Students are required to fundraise \$200 each.

Activity Organiser:	David Bear
Year Levels Available to:	Years 9 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Term Two
Training:	A training program will be provided for students to follow. Training commences in Term One.
Competition:	The Kokoda Challenge is held during Semester Two
Cost:	Approximately \$200 per student
Enrolments:	Please contact David Bear at the College on (07)5573 8618 or via dbear@ssc.qld.edu.au .
<i>Nominal Pennant Points:</i>	<i>2 Pennant Points (20+ hours)</i>

Leukaemia Foundation's 'World's Greatest Shave'

The Leukaemia Foundation is Australia's peak body for blood cancer, funding research and providing free services to support people with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders, and their families.

They have an unwavering focus on reducing the impact of blood cancer and related blood disorders by providing free practical and emotional support, and funding research to improve treatments and find cures. Their work also includes raising awareness of the impact within the community, advocacy, and contributing to the international blood cancer sector to improve quality of life for the person and their family.

As they receive no ongoing government funding, the Leukaemia Foundation relies on the support of the community to fund their Vision to Cure and Mission to Care. The **World's Great Shave** is their major fundraiser each year.

As part of our College's involvement with the World's Greatest Shave, a small number of students are able to volunteer to have their heads shaved, and to become the focus for our fundraising efforts.

Activity Organiser:	Father Andrew Kinmont and Head of Haley House
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	The World's Greatest Shave is held in March. The Shave event itself is one lunch time, but if selected, students are expected to encourage others to make donations to support the Leukaemia Foundation's work.
Practice/Training:	No specific training is required; however, any student selected will need to be comfortable with having their head shaved and be passionate about supporting the cause. Parental permission is required.
Cost:	Nil, unless personal donations are made.
Enrolments:	Students will be invited to sign up at the start of Term One. Details will be advertised via Daily Notices.
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>Not available for this activity</i>

Mathematics Tutoring

The Mathematics Department has always made itself available for Mathematics Tutoring during lunchtimes, Monday to Thursday and on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

This can be voluntary or specifically requested by a Mathematics teacher, or from the Head of Mathematics.

Activity Organiser:	Robert Maksoud, Head of Mathematics
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Ongoing throughout the year
Practice/Training:	Monday Afternoons
Performance/Competition:	Nil
Cost & Enrolments:	Please contact Robert Maksoud at the College on (07)5573 8668 or via rmaksoud@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>Not available for this activity</i>

Mooting - Bond University High School Competition

The Faculty of Law at Bond University holds an Annual Mooting Competition which involves students from schools around Australia. A moot is a legal argument which is conducted by opposing teams in front of judges. The argument involves the application of legal rules to fact situations, similar to those dealt with by the courts every day.

This competition is designed to help students prepare, articulate and defend complex arguments and to solve problems. It also introduces students to the courtroom environment and gives some insight into the legal system.

For those students wishing to study Law for their career, this competition would be beneficial; however, it is open to any student wishing to expand their horizons.

Activity Organiser:	Bob Nicol
Year Levels Available to:	Years 11 and 12 selected students, by audition.
Time and Length of Activity:	Preparation from February to May with weekly meetings and own time to prepare.
Practice/Training:	Meetings are held once a week during lunch, plus an hour per week of student's own time to prepare.
Performance/Competition:	1 hour competition in May, held at Bond University.
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Bob Nicol at the College on (07)5573 8612 or via bnicol@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>1 Pennant Point (10-20 hours)</i>

Outward Bound

Outward Bound is an outdoor experience which is sponsored by the Goda Firkins' Trust. It is available only to students who successfully apply in Years 9 and 10 and is an excellent combination of challenge, leadership development and an appreciation of our natural environment.

Over the 12-day course, students become completely self-reliant and work in teams to organise meals, carry food/equipment, set up and pack up camps, and plot their course through the bush.

The camp is based on the Action-Consequence Principle, where getting up late may mean arriving to camp in the dark, or missing out on an activity.

During the camp, students will be given the opportunity to canoe, abseil, rock climb and complete high ropes, with all activities being carried out on a 'Challenge by Choice' initiative.

Many students have commented on what a life changing experience Outward Bound is, with several students rating it as the highlight of their schooling years. Furthermore, more than 80% of participants say they would go again if given the opportunity.

Outward Bound: *'To serve, to strive and not to yield'*.

Activity Organiser:	Shelley Haines
Year Levels Available to:	Years 9 and 10
Time and Length of Activity:	Term Three (during Camp Week)
Cost:	Approximately \$250
Applications:	Applications will begin at the end of Term One and students will be notified in Year Level Meetings during Term Two, as well as in the Daily Notices.
Enrolments:	Please contact Shelley Haines at the College on (07)5573 8622 or via shaines@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>2 Pennant Points (20+ hours involvement per year)</i>

Press Club (Journalism)

This is an opportunity for eager writers/photographers to share news via various mediums with the broader community. Students selected for The Press Club will cover events, issues, activities, and experiences (of students, past students, staff, and parents).

Students will provide their voice to each article, extend their short-format writing skills, and have the opportunity to build a portfolio of published work. Additionally, students will follow industry standards, policies, and procedures such as confidentiality, copyright, meeting deadlines and working professionally with a vast array of people.

Activity Organiser:	Natalie Mullan
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	All year, with training at the beginning of each semester and meetings held as required.
Practice/Training:	Personal time dedicated to research, interviewing, photography and writing (approximately 2 hours per week).
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Natalie Mullan at the College on 5573 8600 or via nmullan@ssc.qld.edu.au
<i>Nominal Pennant Points:</i>	<i>1 Pennant Point (10-20 articles)</i>

Public Speaking

Public Speaking opportunities are offered in Years 7 to 12. Students may participate in interschool competitions on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane, as well as events, such as Lions Youth of the Year.

Coaching is always on-hand from keen staff members who recognise the value of developing skills and confidence when speaking in public.

Activity Organiser:	Kelty McKenzie
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Varying, depending upon competition entered.
Practice/Training:	As directed by teachers preceding competitions.
Performance/Competition:	<p><i>Semester One</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lions Youth of the Year• Legacy Junior Speaking Award• Plain English-Speaking Award• English-Speaking Union Senior Competition <p><i>Semester Two</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AB Paterson Public Speaking Competition• Bond University Public Speaking Competition• English-Speaking Union Junior and Intermediate Competitions• UN Youth Voice Competition
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Kelty McKenzie at the College on 5573 8600 or via kmckenzie@ssc.qld.edu.au
<i>Nominal Pennant Points:</i>	<p><i>1 Pennant Point per semester where competitions involve 4 presentation of speeches.</i></p> <p><i>2 Pennant Points per semester when 5+ presentation of speeches.</i></p>

Readers Cup

Readers Cup is a reading competition for groups of four or five students who collectively read and study nominated titles, then compete against other schools, to answer quiz questions from the books they have read.

Readers Cup competitions challenge students to read a variety of books, work collaboratively in a team and promote a love of reading. It also allows students to compete at Regional and State level.

For further information, please visit www.readerscup.cbca.org.au

Activity Organiser:	Rebecca Horry
Year Levels Available to:	Years 6, 7 and 8
Time and Length of Activity:	Regional Competition – 6 week period State Competition – 12 week period
Practice/Training:	An intense 6-week period for the winning teams who will represent the College at Regional level. Commitment will exceed 20 hours. If teams win the Regional Competition, then a further 20+ hours will be required for the State Competition.
Performance/Competition:	Regional Competition – 3 hours State Competition – 4 hours
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Rebecca Horry at the College on (07)5573 8696 or via rhorry@ssc.qld.edu.au
<i>Nominal Pennant Points:</i>	<i>2 Pennant Points</i>

Rosies Youth Mission Street Retreat Program

Rosies – Friends on the Streets is a dedicated team of over 700 volunteers who reach out to people from all walks of life and from various cultural backgrounds who are in need of support and friendship. To the lonely, Rosies offers friendship and community...to the isolated, Rosies offers inclusion...to the rejected, Rosies offers acceptance.

One of the programs offered by Rosies is the Street Outreach Service, which our Year 12 students have the opportunity to get involved in. This program involves a team of volunteers going out into the streets to offer food, hot drinks and most importantly a hand of friendship to the people living on the streets. The people who come to Rosies include people who are alienated from their families and/or society, and may be houseless or homeless.

As well as offering respite to their 'friends on the street', Rosies also enriches the lives of its volunteers. Volunteers/students have the opportunity to see life from a different perspective, witness the challenges faced by others, grow their empathy for those who are less fortunate, and they learn to appreciate how good some of us have got it.

For further information, please visit www.rosies.org.au.

Activity Organiser:	Kathryn Dendy
Available to:	Year 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Eight evenings over the course of the year (students usually only participate in one evening each).
Practice/Training:	Training is provided by a trained Saint Stephen's College staff member.
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Kathryn Dendy at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via kdendy@ssc.qld.edu.au .
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>Not available for this activity</i>

Science Club

Science Ambassadors

Students will have the opportunity to apply to be one of up to 14 Science Ambassadors in Year 11. These Ambassadors will continue the Science Road Show, which was started in 2017.

Activity Organiser: Iain Taylor
Available to: Year 11
Time and Length of Activity: All year

STEAM Ambassadors

Students will have the opportunity to be a Griffith University STEAM Ambassador. They will be involved in a day-long program at Griffith University, and will then be required to lead teams in group projects to take on STEAM-based activities. They will also need to be leaders in the National Science and Engineering Challenge team and also lead some STEAM activity around the College.

Activity Organiser: Iain Taylor
Available to: Year 10
Time and Length of Activity: All year

National Science and Engineering Challenge

Students in Years 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to compete in the Griffith University Science and Engineering Challenge. Students will be in teams of four and will complete STEAM-based challenges on the day.

Activity Organiser: Iain Taylor
Available to: Years 9 and 10
Time and Length of Activity: Terms One and Two

Griffith University STEM Cup Competition

STEM Cup is an after-school STEM competition for students in years five, six, seven and eight. The students compete in two divisions, Primary and Secondary, over a period of seven weeks. Each week the teams score points for the challenges they complete with the top scoring teams earning a place at the STEM Cup Grand Final held at Griffith University. This is a great opportunity for students to apply their general scientific knowledge in a challenging environment with like-minded students. General aptitude and excellent team work skills are required. Students are expected to be fully committed, attending every session right through to the finals.

Activity Organiser: Iain Taylor
Available to: Years 5,6,7 and 8
Time and Length of Activity: Students will meet once per week, starting in Terms Two and Three, and will continue into Term Four if students make the finals.

Nominal Pennant Points: *1 Pennant Point (10-20 hours) per semester*

Griffith University MLTAQ Speech Competition

Supported by the Gold Coast branch of the Modern Languages Teachers Association of Queensland (MLTAQ) and Griffith University, the annual speech competition held at the university's Gold Coast campus, has been ongoing for close to twenty years.

Students in Years 4 through to 12 are given the opportunity to study a language as a part of their subject selection, in Chinese, Spanish or Japanese. The Annual Speech Competition forms a prestigious platform upon which students are able to apply their linguistics skills in a more formal setting. Students are given topics from which to compose and memorise speeches, which will be presented on competition day. Although the work is required to be students own, assistance and support is provided by the student's language teacher over the time.

The competition day provides students with the opportunity to meet and talk to students who either study the same language or who study other languages. There are food stalls and cultural entertainment which all culminate in an awards ceremony at the end of the day, in which the cream of language speaking students in Queensland are able to demonstrate their verbal, linguistic, rhetorical and even singing capacities in their chosen languages.

The event is attended by schools from throughout the State and the competition forms a prime opportunity for students to demonstrate their hard-earned linguistic skills.

Year Levels Available to:	Years 4 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Approximately two terms leading up to the competition day in August. Practice and other assistance is provided in the months leading up to the Competition as per students' needs. Information meetings are also held. The competition day is an all-day event.
Practice/Training:	Students are to work alone predominantly; however, practice, support and assistance will be provided by teachers in the months leading up to the competition day.
Performance/Competition:	Years 4 to 12
Cost:	Nil (paid by the College)
Enrolments:	Participants are chosen based on their academic performance at the discretion of the Global Studies Department. Please contact the Global Studies Department at the at the College on (07)55738600.
Nominal Pennant Points:	1 Pennant Point (10-20 hours)

World Vision 40 Hour Famine

From the beginning, World Vision's activities have been focused on giving people – especially children – opportunities to alleviate their suffering and to improve their lives. World Vision was founded in 1950, initially to meet the needs of refugees and people recovering from disasters. Where long-term assistance was needed, children began to be sponsored.

Since the 1980s, the 'welfare' approach has gradually changed to a more collaborative approach. Poor, marginalised people and communities work with World Vision to improve their lives and take control of their futures.

Each year, our College community has supported World Vision by getting involved with the 40 Hour Famine each August. This involvement raises awareness for the plight of people in developing countries, as well as a means for us to give sacrificially, by doing without something for a few days and receiving sponsorship and donations for being involved.

Further information can be found at www.40hourfamine.com.au.

Activity Organiser:	Father Andrew Kinmont and Head of Greasley House
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	The 40 Hour Famine is held in August. Students who get involved will be giving up <i>something</i> for the 40 hours, and will be requesting donations for World Vision.
Practice/Training:	No specific training is required; however, students should be committed to the cause and be passionate about supporting people in need.
Cost:	Nil, unless personal donations are made.
Enrolments:	Students will be invited to sign up at the start of Term Three. Details will be advertised via Daily Notices.
Nominal Pennant Points:	1 Pennant Point (10-20 hours)



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