



Saint Stephen's College

Extracurricular Handbook
Other Extracurricular Opportunities
Prep to Year 12
2022

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 .

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 6
Time and Length of Activity:	Monday to Friday 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 9am until 4.15pm Details of the program are advertised via Acta Ludi
Cost:	\$55 per day, which includes all art equipment (9am to 3pm) \$67 per day, which includes all art equipment (9am to 4.15pm)
Enrolments:	Please contact Cath Maundrill directly on 0428 200 807 or via cathscreatives@gmail.com

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 (at lunchtime)
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

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

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

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:	\$170 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 Haines at the College on (07)5573 8622 or via shaines@ssc.qld.edu.au

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:	Melissa Clarke and Laura Hansen
Year Levels Available to:	Years 4 to 6 (ages 8 to 12)
Time and Length of Activity:	All year, with weekly meetings on a Thursday during lunch in Melissa Clarke'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 Melissa Clarke at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via mclarke@ssc.qld.edu.au .

Foreign Language Ambassador Program

Foreign Language Ambassadors are selected by the Foreign Language faculty at the College through a written application and interview process. The primary role of these ambassadors is to promote foreign languages at the College and create positive relationships with the younger students at the College using interpersonal and foreign language skills.

Successful ambassadors are required to fulfil the following duties during the year:

- Plan activities for (with assistance from the Foreign Language Teaching Assistants) and attend two lunchtime sessions of the Junior Foreign Language Club plus one planning meeting each term;
- Assist all students with their preparation for the Griffith University MLTAQ Speech Contest at several scheduled Morning Tea and Lunchtimes during Term Two;
- Assist all day at the Year 7 Cultural Day (end of Term Three);
- Assist any exchange students we may have during the year in adjusting to College life at Saint Stephen's College and exploring the Gold Coast;
- Speak at Junior and Senior assemblies as needed, to distribute certificate and promote Foreign Languages;
- Write brief articles on activities related to Foreign Languages for the Acta Ludi and the College's social media;
- Work on developing a student-led Foreign Language Program at Saint Stephen's Early Learning Centre.

Activity Organiser:	Stacey Boyd
Year Levels Available to:	Year 11 foreign language students. Applications and interviews occur at the end of Year 10.
Time and Length of Activity:	Ongoing throughout the year.
Requirements:	Students must be enrolled in Senior Languages at the College and be dedicated to working with younger students and promoting the study of foreign languages.
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Stacey Boyd at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via sboyd@ssc.qld.edu.au

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 and Karen Innes
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 or Karen Innes on (07) 5573 8646 or via kinnes@ssc.qld.edu.au

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 Japanese or Spanish. Students may also be able to compete in Yugambeh or their native language. 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 top 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.

Activity Organiser:	Stacey Boyd
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

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:	Kavilen Gunput
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12 (ages 12 to 18)
Time and Length of Activity:	All year round, with meetings every fortnight at Morning Tea in C3/C4.
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 Kavilen Gunput at the College on (07)5573 8639 or via kgunput@ssc.qld.edu.au

Junior EcoMarines Club

This is an opportunity for keen environmentalists to share books and their passion for protecting our environment. Through our initiatives, we promote care for the future of our planet and its resources.

Activity Organiser: Lisa Littman

Year Levels Available to: Years 4 to 6

Time and Length of Activity: All year, with one meeting every Friday at lunchtime

Cost: Nil

Enrolments: No Enrolment Necessary. Please contact Lisa Littman at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via llitmann@ssc.qld.edu.au

Junior Language Club

The Junior Language Club is an additional opportunity for our Junior School students to engage in cultural and language activities and broaden their global knowledge and exposure here at the College.

The program provides:

- Structured craft activities related to global cultures and languages
- A 'word of the day' in the target language
- Assistance and mentorship by Year 11 Foreign Language Ambassadors

Activity Organiser: Stacey Boyd

Year Levels Available to: Years 1 to 6

Time and Length of Activity: All year, with eight sessions each term during lunchtime, based on Language Centre availability. Students record attendance on stamp cards to receive prizes.

Cost: Nil

Enrolments: Please contact Stacey Boyd at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via sboyd@ssc.qld.edu.au

Junior Chinese Club

The Junior Club will incorporate AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) as a method of teaching language through storytelling and hand and body motions. This club will be offered in the Foreign Language Centre after school hours.

Activity Organiser:	Stacey Boyd
Year Levels Available to:	Years 4 to 6
Time and Length of Activity:	Wednesdays after school during term time (45 minutes)
Cost:	\$15 per session
Enrolments:	Please contact Stacey Boyd at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via sboyd@ssc.qld.edu.au . Register here: https://www.saintstephenscollege.net.au/chinese-club
Nominal Pennant Points:	<i>Not available for this activity</i>

Senior Chinese Club

The Senior Club is topic-based, where students of all levels will investigate a particular action (such as shopping at a market) and learn vocabulary suited to their personal capability and also focus on cultural differences they could encounter in China and Australia. These clubs will be offered in the Foreign Language Centre after school hours.

Activity Organiser:	Stacey Boyd
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Mondays after school during term time (45 minutes)
Cost:	\$15 per session
Enrolments:	Please contact Stacey Boyd at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via sboyd@ssc.qld.edu.au . Register here: https://www.saintstephenscollege.net.au/chinese-club

Kokoda Challenge

The Kokoda Challenge involves teams of four students entered into the Kokoda Challenge Competition, who are assisted and supervised by 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 48km course through rugged terrain.

The Kokoda Challenge is available to students from Years 7 to 12 (minimum age 14 years old) with a minimum of four students required to enter into the competition. Students are required to fundraise \$350 per team.

Activity Organiser:	Keiichiro Onoe
Year Levels Available to:	Years 7 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	Term Three
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 \$100 (plus fundraising)
Enrolments:	Please contact Keiichiro Onoe at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via konoe@ssc.qld.edu.au

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.

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

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 and Enrolments: Please contact Robert Maksoud at the College on (07)5573 8668 or via rmaksoud@ssc.qld.edu.au

Model United Nations

Rotary – Modern United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

For teams of Years 11 and 12 students, MUNA is a one-day event that encourages students to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the working of the United Nations (UN) while they develop debating skills and gain self-confidence in public speaking.

Teams of three students from Years 11 and 12 are preferred, but students from Year 10 may be accepted on request from schools, if space permits. The teams select a country; research its history, politics, economics, peoples, international alignment and policies in current world affairs.

Having chosen a country, students then debate selected resolutions from each country's point of view in a simulated United Nations Assembly. The debates reproduce genuine UN debates often with a fine flow of rhetoric, points of order, motions of dissent and bloc walkouts!

MUNA is a United Nations initiative and MUNA events are held through the world. The winning team from Rotary District 9640 each year competes in the MUNA Nationals in Canberra.

Activity Organiser:	Stacey Boyd
Year Levels Available to:	Years 11 and 12, in teams of three students
Time and Length of Activity:	Semester One, with fortnightly lunchtime preparation meetings from March until April. MUNA event on the Tweed Coast in April. Winning teams and individuals may travel to MUNA Nationals in Canberra in August.
Practice/Training:	No specific training is required but commitment is a must, as well as a passion to know more about global issues and the most important challenge of our time.
Performance/Competition:	Nil
Cost and Enrolments:	Please contact Stacey Boyd at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via sboyd@ssc.qld.edu.au

Pindari Adventure

The Pindari Adventure 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 10-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 the Pindari Adventure 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.

Pindari: *'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

Physics Club

This is an opportunity for students to meet once every three weeks to discuss new ideas in Physics. They conduct experiments to answer interesting questions or even design experiments for the younger students. Members of the club foster the love of science through inquiry.

Activity Organiser:	Nilesh Kumar
Year Levels Available to:	Years 8 to 12
Time and Length of Activity:	All year, with two to three meetings held per term (at lunchtime)
Practice/Training:	A little research on ideas that interest students
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Nilesh Kumar at the College on 5573 8600 or via nkumar@ssc.qld.edu.au

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

Raw Society

This is an opportunity for readers and writers alike to share their love for the written word. Students can use the collective space to read, write, journal, or just talk about their current reads.

Activity Organiser: Karen Innes

Year Levels Available to: Years 7 to 12

Time and Length of Activity: Ongoing throughout the year
Monday to Thursday (Lunchtime) - Come to one or come to them all

Cost: Nil

Enrolments: Please contact Karen Innes at the College on (07)5573 8646
or via kinnes@ssc.qld.edu.au

Reader's 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 six-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

Refugee Homework Club

The Refugee Homework Club assists and supports young people from culturally diverse and non-English speaking backgrounds for their academic and wellbeing. The club was initiated by the Multicultural Families Organisation in 2007 and has been a part of Saint Stephen's College since 2019. The aim is to assist primary students from a culturally and linguistically diverse background to adjust to the Australian educational system, to learn a new language and to settle into their new life environment.

The program provides:

- Holistic support to students from a cultural and linguistically diverse background;
- A safe environment to encourage learning and social interaction with peers;
- Students with academic support from volunteer tutors and mentors;
- Leadership and personal development opportunities through workshops and team building activities.

The Refugee Homework Club Program is currently provided at Labrador State Primary School Library on Monday afternoons from 3pm until 4.30pm. Additional volunteer opportunities with the Multicultural Families Organisation may occur during the year.

Activity Organiser:	Jenifer Wegner
Year Levels Available to:	Year 10
Time and Length of Activity:	All year, with weekly visits to Labrador State Primary School on Monday afternoons. Students need to sign on for at least one session during the year. Students attend in groups of three, with Saint Stephen's College staff supervision.
Practice/Training:	No specific training is required.
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Please contact Jenifer Wegner at the College on (07)5573 8600 or via jwegner@ssc.qld.edu.au

Robotics Club

This club is run in conjunction with our Robotics program which is part of STEAM Education in the Junior College. Students nominate to participate through their classroom teacher. There are two cycles completed each school year. These then culminate in winners attending either the Gold Coast North Robotics Competition or the APS inter school competition.

Activity Organiser:	Kerrie Soars
Year Levels Available to:	Years 4 to 6
Time and Length of Activity:	Two cycles completed mid Term One into Term Two and then mid Term Three into Term Four
Practice/Training:	Fridays (Period 6 - Lunchtime) Additional time offered on Wednesdays (lunchtime)
Cost:	Nil
Enrolments:	Through classroom teacher nomination

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

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

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.



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