



## **Christian Service Learning St Brigid's College**

### **Introduction**

One of the key roles of Catholic schools is to form young people committed to the love, compassion and justice of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Catholic schools foster a Christian attitude in society and encourage the development of the kind of world envisaged by Christ (Mandate para 6 and 22).

Christian Service Learning in Catholic schools enables students to grow from a Catholic faith perspective as people of service and justice. The Catholic school challenges students to grow in their understanding that faith is not just a personal response to God's love but a communal response to love one another as Jesus taught in order 'to make the world a better place for all', (Mandate, para 24).

### **Purpose**

- 4.1 Christian Service Learning provides students with opportunities to meet people with needs.
- 4.2 Christian Service Learning challenges students in developmentally appropriate ways to think and act in ways that reflect values that are consistent with the Gospel.
- 4.3 St Brigid's College supports and challenges students to explore Catholic teaching on social justice including the common good and reflect on why they serve as part of an integrated and articulated school plan which actively seeks to promote justice.
- 4.4 Christian Service Learning provides students with the experience of 'service' as a way of learning and living that permeates all aspects of life rather than an activity that is isolated from the rest of their lives.
- 4.5 All students understand the principles of Catholic social teaching and apply them to their own Christian Service Learning experiences.
- 4.6 Students develop a deep understanding of the meaning, practice and value of 'service' from a Catholic Christian faith perspective.
- 4.7 Preparation and reflection are essential elements in Christian Service Learning.
- 4.8 Christian Service Learning is embedded in the curriculum of St Brigid's College and is flexible enough to be conducted in or out of school time, both on or off school premises.
- 4.9 Students will not receive any financial reward for their Christian Service activities.
- 4.10 Christian Service will include a range of activities from Home, College, Parish and the Community.
- 4.11 Students must complete all requirements of the Year 10 and 11 Endorsed programme to be eligible to receive an invite to the Year 12 MIA MAD Ball.

## Coverage

Students of St Brigid's College

### Procedures

- 5.1 St Brigid's College develops appropriate Christian Service Learning programs, which support the Action in Learning requirements of the International Baccalaureate.
- 5.2 Christian Service Learning opportunities shall provide for the differing needs and interests of the College's community.
- 5.3 St Brigid's College shall provide opportunities for students to reflect critically on their service experience.
- 5.4 The Mercy charism, culture and mission of St Brigid's College forms the basis of our service learning programme.
- 5.5 Junior School students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will focus on the allocated Mercy values for the College. Keeping this value in mind, Kindergarten to Year 4 students will complete individual targets through Random Acts of Kindness to be recorded within their classroom environment. Year 5 and 6 students will complete 2 hours of Christian Service Learning. This service can be acquired at school and at home. They will be required to log their hours and complete an in-class reflection.
- 5.6 Year 7 students will need to complete 5 hours of Christian Service Learning within the College and Home. They will be required to log their hours and complete an in-class reflection.
- 5.7 Year 8 and 9 students will need to complete 10 hours of Christian Service Learning, encouraging them to reach out and to also include activities within the Parish and Community. They will be required to log their hours and complete an in-class reflection.
- 5.8 Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be working towards completing the Authority-developed Endorsed program. They are required to complete 50 hours of Christian Service Learning, with an additional 5 hours of induction and reflection. Students will need submit a log sheet validated by an unrelated adult supervisor and a portfolio. These are submitted in Week 1 of Term 4 in Year 11.
- 5.9 Students completing Christian service learning in an approved organisation are required to contact the Business Manager if the organisation requires a copy of the College's public liability insurance certificate. The following information must be submitted:
  - Student name;
  - Service position applying for;
  - Service Organisation contact name;
  - Service Organisation contact position;
  - Service Organisation contact email;
  - Service Organisation contact phone number;
  - Confirmation from the service organisation that the position being applied for is not covered by their volunteers' insurance (if possible).

### Related documents

CECWA Policy Christian Service Learning in Catholic Schools

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