



CHRISTIAN SERVICE LEARNING

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“Come, you whom my Father has blessed....For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking in clothing and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me. Whenever you did this for the least of my brothers, you did it for me!”
Matt 25:35-36

Christian Service Learning has been well established in the Catholic Sector for a number of years and has been operating successfully as a compulsory requirement of the curriculum at St. Paul’s since 2004.

Through Christian Service Learning, in Justice not Charity, we journey with those in need as we continue to educate our students on local and global issues which affect us all, through involvement in community activities and reflection on their experiences.

This program reflects our charter values of **Service of Others, Being Just**, meeting and working with those **At the Margins, Compassion, Faith in Action, Community, and Reflective Practice** following the example of Jesus Christ and Blessed Edmund Rice.

Christian Service Learning aims to serve all of God’s creation, especially those in need; build relationships; promote religious and spiritual growth; develop responsibility; give a voice to the voiceless; and be reflective.

After preparation senior students attend as volunteers an organisation such as:

- St. Vincent de Paul
- Hutt Street Centre
- Strathmont Centre
- Meals on Wheels
- nursing homes
- Goodwill
- Red Cross, Salvation Army
- NECAP
- Save the Children
- Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Frank Quigley Homes
- Chinese Welfare Services
- Migrant Resource Centre
- Otherway Centre (Aboriginal Catholic Ministry)
- Grenville Community Connection
- Food Co-op.

Middle School and Primary School students are involved in activities within the college.

The written reflection process is a meaningful component in achieving a balanced education.