



# Christ Church Grammar School

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT: Christ Church boys raise over \$5,000 for homeless youth**

The homeless youth in Perth have been given a helping hand thanks to boys from Christ Church Grammar School who swapped their school bag for a sleeping bag to help end youth homelessness.

Oliver Moran, Manus O' Leary, Callum Parramore, Josh Spirek, Joel Newton, Rory von Altenstadt, Sam Rose, Tom Heyning and Nicholas Johns were among 300 students from 17 schools across Perth who braved wild weather conditions last Friday evening and participated in Anglicare's WA School Sleep Out at Optus Stadium.

As part of their House fundraiser, the boys along with members from the School's Wolsey House have raised over \$5,000 so far.

Christ Church Assistant Head of Wolsey House, Mr Scott Chrystal said, "Our participants are to be extremely proud of what they have achieved as a group and thanks to their efforts, many homeless youths across Perth will benefit from life-changing support."

"The boys got to experience for just one night what many young Western Australians endure every night, and get a genuine glimpse into the lives of homeless young people and the issues they face on a daily basis."

"Through the experience, participants learn about the causes and complicating factors of homelessness, and what more one can do to help."

"The figures are alarming, 116,000 Australians go to sleep homeless every night and of that, over 9,000 are Western Australians."

"Breaking this down further, over 3,000 of these Western Australians are under the age of 25."

The WA School Sleep Out supports Anglicare's Street Connect program, which aims to connect with marginalised young people who gather regularly in public places and assist them with making positive life changes.

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