



Christ Church boys donate school supplies to those in need

On Friday 3 December boys from Christ Church Grammar School's Noake House looked under the Christmas tree to find their presents. They won't be opening these presents, instead they are donating them to families in need through the 2020 Anglicare WA Schools Christmas Appeal.

Since the start of November, the boys in Noake House have been depositing their donations of school supplies under a Christmas tree in their homeroom. The supplies will be gifted to families ahead of the start of the 2021 school year.

Head of Noake House Mr Jamie Foster, who supervised the fundraising effort, commented on the boys' efforts, saying "Over 100 boys in Noake House have participated in the appeal, which is very impressive. Having the fundraising take place at the end of the year has really given them something to focus on in Term 4 and they are trying to embody the House ideals of being involved, proactive, kind and positive."

When asked why they chose this particular initiative Noake Senior Prefect Paul Boyatzis said, "We are always trying to give back to the community and in doing so we wanted to help boys and girls that are of a similar age to ourselves."

Fellow Prefect Bill Warner added "Seeing the amount of donations the boys have provided, I think the initiative has been a great success. It is definitely something we want to continue to be involved with and build on next year."

On 19 November Community Engagement Coordinator for Philanthropy and Enterprise at Anglicare WA Kelly Keall spoke with the boys and informed them about the reality that many families in WA struggle to afford back to school supplies, especially after an often-expensive Christmas season.

The boys succinctly described the importance of having the right supplies at the start of the year "If you don't have a calculator in Maths class or a pen to write with in English you won't be able to do the schoolwork, not having the right equipment makes it very difficult to learn."

The School's Christmas Appeal represents a continuing partnership between Anglicare WA and Christ Church Grammar School. As part of the School's pastoral program all eight Houses in the Senior School partner with a charitable organisation to engage in fundraising or community service each year.

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