

## **Junior School Assembly Presentation**

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In the senior school we have been very busy with lots of service activities. The service council and have been trying to run activities that really engage the senior school students with the issues that they are supporting. It is really important for students to be introduced to these issues in our society because it provides them with an alternative perspective for how others in our community live. My vision for service this year was to focus on activities that don't solely revolve around donating money. Raising awareness for an issue is a very powerful tool, and can often be more beneficial than just donating money.

Last term a group of senior school boys volunteered to help the Claremont-Swanbourne cricket team with training sessions. At the end of the cricket season, the scotch boys took the team to watch the scorchers play at optus stadium. It was a very fun activity for all those involved and it showed all of the scotch boys the positive impact of service.

Groups of boys also volunteer for disabled surfing wa, which is an organisation that brings the joys of the beach to those members of our community that aren't able to experience it by themselves.

A tradition in the senior school is the world's greatest shave, which helps support the leukemia foundation in the battle against leukemia by raising awareness as well as money. Because of covid, we were not able to hold the shave at scotch, however, this did not deter us and we all shaved our own heads at home and made a Instagram account to show off our fancy new haircuts. It was great to see so many boys engage with the event, even reverend Gary participated.

After the devastating bushfires in the eastern states, a group of boys and I went to volunteer at the city beach bush fire swim fundraiser. After the fundraiser, we held a freedress day at school to further support the bushfires. The freedress day was based around the theme of heroes without capes, which was to acknowledge the heroic contributions of the firefighters. The theme was not very specific and it was very fun to see all of the creative outfits that boys came up with, one guy even dressed up as Dwight schrute from the office, a true hero indeed.

Speaking of freedress days, yesterday we held a freedress day that centered around the theme of upcycling, which means making old clothing look good. With this freedress day I wanted to try something different, instead of donating a gold coin, students had to bring in an item of old clothing which would be donated to the salvation army. In preparation for the freedress day, a group of boys and reverend Gary went to the opshops to get clothes for the day, this made the boys really think about the sort of clothes they were wearing and how to make old clothing fashionable which, I'll admit, I'll admit, definitely isn't a talent of ours.

As you can see, we have been really busy in the senior school this year. I know it seems like a long way away, but believe me, the next few years feel like they fly by very quickly, and before you know it you will be in year 12. That being said, there is lots to look forward to so enjoy your time in Junior school and look forward to all of the amazing opportunities (not just in service) that are awaiting you in middle and senior school.