



Dear students, parents and staff

### **Community and Service Learning** **Homelessness: closer to home than you think**

As part of our growing partnership with Uniting Care West, we have commenced a Service Project to support the work of Wyn Carr House, a **Women's Refuge**. The accommodation is for women who are experiencing a crisis situation due to domestic violence, homelessness, mental health issues, and/or substance use issues. It is essential for security and safety reasons that the location of this refuge is not disclosed or discussed.

*Wyn Carr has taught me some invaluable lessons. I've learnt how to create boundaries, stand by my inner convictions and to believe in myself. Never in my wildest dreams did I think my life would become so enriched.*

Former resident 2000

### **Vision Statement**

Wyn Carr House is committed to improving the lives of all women, by giving them a safe space, support and information to act upon their identified needs.

### **Purpose**

Wyn Carr House seeks to assist women to recognise and further develop their strengths and abilities in order to achieve and improve quality of life. Wyn Carr House provides support and accommodation for women escaping domestic violence or other crisis situations.

Our support and care in this Service Project is to prepare 'comfort packs' for the women who arrive at Wyn Carr House often with nothing, due to the critical circumstances they are escaping. The winter months are fast approaching.

You are invited to support by preparing a 'comfort packs' (using either a homemade or recycled bag) as an individual, with a friend, in a small group or family. Please drop your 'comfort packs' to my office in Middle School, Junior School Reception or Middle or Senior School Student and Community Services, as we will be making regular deliveries.

**Tracey Bahen**  
**Co-ordinator Community and Service Learning**

### **Wish List For Comfort Pack**

- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- conditioner
- soap / soap containers
- combs
- brushes
- hand / face / body moisturisers
- roll-ons / body sprays
- tampons
- sanitary pads
- disposable razors
- emery boards
- hair ties / make-up
- sun cream
- pillowcases
- underwear sizes 8-16
- towel
- bed socks
- pyjamas / nighties sizes 8-20
- notebook / journal and pen
- poem / prayer book
- paper / cards / envelopes – including stamps
- mints
- activity ideas (eg crossword books, craft activities etc)