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MEDIA RELEASE

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE TEACHER NATIONAL WINNER

St Monica's College Epping is pleased to announce that Fadi Elbarbar, our Social Justice Coordinator, has been announced as the Fair Trade Supporter of the Year for 2014.

Fadi manages the Fair Trade program at St Monica's College as part of the broader Social Justice program. This national award recognises the excellent work undertaken by Fadi to promote the cause of Fair Trade and the impact it can have on society.

Principal of St Monica's College Epping, Mr Brian Hanley, congratulated Fadi. "I am very pleased to see Fadi's wonderful work acknowledged in this way. Social Justice is an important part of the College curriculum and Fadi's enthusiasm has meant that many staff and students understand the importance of supporting Fair Trade initiatives and the impact this can have on the lives of many people living in poorer countries. St Monica's College Epping is one of the few Fair Trade schools in Victoria, another initiative strongly driven by Fadi."

The award committee strongly noted the extraordinary commitment of Fadi to promote Fair Trade in a way that it will have lasting impact, including ensuring students understand the values of Fair Trade. Fadi has also taken the Fair Trade crusade to local shopping centres Pacific Epping and Westfield Plenty Valley with displays promoting Fair Trade. Fadi organised a flash mob of students to freeze for 26 seconds at the Urban Diner Pacific Epping to highlight that every 26 seconds a child is sold into trafficking. Fadi also organised students to provide information to local café owners that promoted the benefits of serving Fair Trade goods.

Fadi has also organised a letter writing campaign to major multinationals to encourage them to review their supply chains to ensure they support Fair Trade.

Fadi's award was presented by the CEO of Fair Trade Australia and New Zealand, Ms Molly Harriss Olson who congratulated Fadi on his initiatives, passion and achievements as an advocate for Fair Trade.

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