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## MEDIA RELEASE

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# EPPING REACHES OUT TO PAKISTAN

The hands of friendship will reach many thousands of kilometres as staff at St Monica's College Epping assist a number of schools in Pakistan by financially supporting the teachers of these schools.

For fifteen years St Monica's College, Epping has sponsored an annual visit from a religious Sister from Pakistan to coincide with College celebrations for St Monica's Week. The Sisters, members of the Presentation Order, run several schools in Pakistan's Sindh region teaching students from poor families who would not usually have access to an education.

An issue faced by the Sisters is securing ongoing funding for their teachers who are amongst the most poorly paid in the world. The staff at St Monica's College Epping decided that it was timely to help solve that funding problem. An internal appeal was launched to secure funding through regular staff giving and enough money has been raised to sponsor 20 teachers across 19 schools.

St Monica's College Epping Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, applauded the staff's generosity. "This is a great example of our College staff reaching out to help fellow teachers in a very needy situation. The Monican spirit extends across the waters and I am sure their generosity will help many underprivileged children receive an education that offers them hope for their future. It is important our students realise that the world extends beyond Epping and our Pakistan Sisters' visits mean that the children get to explore life in a country where an education is not assured."

Fifty-five staff members have committed to the regular giving program with money now flowing through to Pakistan on a regular basis.

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