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TEACHERS SLEEPOUT FOR THE HOMELESS

Sixteen St Monica's College teachers, and a dog, have accepted the challenge to experience sleeping out on a cold winter's night to raise funds for the homeless.

The staff were motivated by Fr Chris Riley of Youth Off The Streets who spoke to the College staff as part of the annual Spirituality Day.

Mr Fadi Elbarbar, Coordinator of Social Justice at St Monica's College, said teachers were keen to experience sleeping rough. "It was a freezing cold night and much discussion was had about how hard it must be for the homeless to stay warm on such a night. The group reflected on some of the stories shared by Fr Riley and prayed for the homeless in our community. We aimed to encourage our students to undertake a similar sleep out and raise more money than we did. Social Justice is an important part of College life at St Monica's and this initiative by our staff was a great success."

St Monica's College Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, applauded the initiative. "I am proud of the efforts of our staff to raise over \$4,500 for Youth Off The Streets and I am sure the students will take up the challenge to raise more to support the homeless in our community."

Planning is underway for the student sleep out to be held in September.

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