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UNDERSTANDING CHARITY – WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

St Monica's College Epping will host a special Year Twelve Reflection Day on Friday 27 February.

On the day Year Twelves will have charitable organisations coming to visit and interact with the students. Each homeroom will be allocated an organisation where they will discuss the highlights and projects involved within their organisation, followed by a hands-on activity the students will participate in.

Charities at SMC will include:

- Vinnies
- Oxfam
- Zonta
- Foodbank
- Olivia Newton John Cancer and Wellness Centre
- Catholic Mission
- Caritas
- Road to Refuge
- Red Cross
- Children First
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

The theme of the day is "Knowing God" through Deeds and Community.

The students will interact with the charities which have special tasks for them to complete to understand the charity's needs better. At the end of the activity sessions the students will gather back together to discuss what they have learned from the program.

The students will also attend a key note address by Associate Professor Andrew Singleton who is a sociologist in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at Deakin University, Australia. His research and teaching focuses on secularisation, youth religion, personal belief and alternative religions.

The day will run from 9:00am to 3:00pm on **Friday 27 February** on the Dalton Road Campus, based in the Theatre of All Nations and the Sports and Assembly Hall.

Best timing for media opportunity would be from 11:30am to 12:30pm as students undertake the various activities.

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