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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **STUDENT INDIGENOUS IMMERSION TRIP**

Ten students from St Monica's College, Epping will travel to Western Australia to visit remote communities. The students will work with Sister Anna Warlow SGS OA and her ministry overseeing indigenous families and women of outback Australia.

The students will visit the Benedictine Community at New Norcia, as well as the towns of Mt Magnet, Morowa, Yalgoo, Cue and Three Springs. These communities collectively have a population of fewer than 1500 people.

The towns visited have all been impacted by drought as well as being affected by the decline in the mining industry. Most towns do not have a High School.

College Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, said this project has several aims. "This program is Social Justice in action and will help our students learn about the complexities of living in remote Australia as well as raising awareness of the needs of our Indigenous Australians. We look forward to the students sharing their experiences with the College community upon their return."

The students have fundraised to help with the costs of this trip as well as collecting donated sports balls and books to take to the communities.

Sister Warlow will ensure the students get a first-hand experience into life in outback Australia as the students meet and work with the Indigenous Communities, whilst ensuring there is a positive outcome for all of the students involved.

The student group will fly to Western Australia on 19 September for the 7 night trip.

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