# Service Learning

## Operational Program





At Clayfield College we believe in fostering in our students an awareness of selfless giving and humanitarian values. There is a diverse range of rewarding service opportunities available for members of the College community.

### Service Learning

Every student is exposed to service learning through the House and Pastoral Care programs. Extension service learning opportunities are available to those students who wish to extend their influence and involvement in various social and community programs.

#### **Primary School**

Environmental issues are about the students enacting service to improve our world, our community, and our encironment, it is not for themselves.

Our Green Team cleans up local streets, and raises awareness of environmental issues through recycling programs, rewards for sustainable practices and nude food days.

Year 6 students provide peer support through:

- · Helping Hands; and
- · Buddy Bench.

Students also raise money for Mater Little Miracles Foundation.

#### Community Service Group

Students in this co-curricular group volunteer for the following:

- Clean Up Australia Day (local park) and Clean Up Schools Day
- · Homework Help at local primary school
- · Visiting local aged care facility
- · International Women's Day breakfast workers
- Brisbane Marathon Water Station

#### Pastoral Care Program - Year Levels

As part of the pastoral care and personal development programs, cohorts focus on service to the local or wider community.

- Year 7: service to support networks (e.g. Buddies, families, staff)
- Year 8: reading to Pre-Prep and Year 1 students, and visiting local aged care facility
- Year 9: clean up of College and surrounding streets
- Year 10: focus on Service Learning throughout Personal Development Program, partnership with World's Biggest Garage Sale to create Clayfield Collection, volunteering at Ronald McDonald House
- Year 12s: the Year 12s run a music festival and funds go to the charities of their choice, for example, Animal Rescue, Zonta, Friends with Dignity

### **Houses**

Each of the six Houses into which students are grouped for administrative and pastoral care purposes has a charity it supports.

- · Ashburn Indigenous Literacy Program
- Campbell Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Gibson Drought Angels
- Henderson ACT for kids
- Radcliffe Young Care, Brisbane City Council Parks clean up
- · Youngman QLD Children's Hospital

#### ISCF (Interschool Christian Fellowship)

Years 11 and 12 students in this co-curricular group are supported by College staff to work with the Helping Hands food van.

#### Hearts of Clayfield College

Year 10 students offer peer support and run a program of activities to enhance inclusiveness.

#### Young Leaders

Year 9 students work as ambassadors for the College at a variety of College events.

#### **Service Trips**

Each year, Years 10–12 students have the opportunity to join an overseas service trip. The College has a relationship with Amar Seva Sangam in India, an institution for the physically and intellectually disabled, and with World Challenge, who facilitate service projects for us in southeast Asia, and service trips alternate between the two.

#### **Community Events**

College music ensembles and choirs provide entertainment at a variety of events such as ANZAC and local church services.

"What I found the most inspiring was the physiotherapy unit. We often assisted with helping the students do their exercises. These looked extremely painful; however, we were told that if the students didn't complete these exercises their muscles would not allow them to ever walk. I was touched by the bravery of these students and the determination of them to be able to constantly work hard so that they may be able to walk without assistance."

Madison Saunders (India Service Trip)

#### Staff

Corporate and academic staff join to support the following:

- Cancer Council Research Program (Australia's Biggest Morning Tea)
- Ovarian Cancer Research (Frocktober)

#### Whole School

The students and staff of the entire College raise funds and awareness for the following:

- Queensland Institute for Medical Research (Jeans for Genes Day)
- · Pyjama Foundation (Pyjama Day)
- · CanTeen (Bandana Day)
- · Drought Angels (Fiver for a Farmer)
- Friends with Dignity (Christmas collection)
- Uniting Care (Uniting Care Christmas Appeal)

#### **External Programs**

Clayfield College has student representatives in the following programs:

- Brisbane City Council's Student Environmental Leadership Network
- Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council
- · Tangalooma Eco-Marines



"I think the whole aspect of not throwing out your clothes when you've finished with them, with giving them to other people to keep using them, means we minimise as much landfill as we can."

Jillian Weir (Clayfield Collection)

