

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, STRATHFIELD

PARENT SOL (Shining Our Light)

TERMS OF REFERENCE



Rationale

This committee is made up of parents from St Patrick's College who feel an overwhelming calling to 'do something' in the service of others, in a loving environment. The group has been created to be a guide for the rest of the parent body as they navigate the various ways we can contribute to making the world a better place for all. It will operate in an EREA context and support the College's various justice partners, demonstrating compassion and a commitment to the Gospel.

Mission

Inspired by the Gospel and Edmund Rice, Parent SOL aims to walk alongside our sons as they are challenged to serve and model service to marginalised groups in the community. We are committed to awareness, action and advocacy for First Nations, Refugees, Disadvantaged and the Earth, as we bring light to the need for an inclusive community.

Terms of Reference

Pre-requisites:

- Compassion and a willingness to serve
- A desire to model action rather than just charity (though both work together)
- Commitment to the SPC community
- Willingness to work with and care for the local, national and global community

Parameters:

- Work alongside the College's P & F
- Report to and work alongside the Director of Identity who reports to the College Leadership Team

Scope:

- Discuss matters of justice/ injustice in the world
- Plan initiatives to educate the wider community in justice and solidarity
- Promote justice partners and their works
- Facilitate action to alleviate suffering from disadvantaged groups

- Support the actions and initiatives from SOL Service and Social Justice Service (student programs)
- Develop connections with various justice partners
- Challenge misconceptions in the community
- Be a voice for all that is right and just

Membership

- Parents/carers of the SPC Community
- SPC Director of Identity
- Possibly friends of parents/carers to come to certain events

Core Justice Partners

- Cana Farm (Cana Communities)
- House of Welcome
- Matt Talbot Hostel
- Catholic Care
- St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol
- Exodus Foundation (Rev Bill Crews Foundation)

Meetings

- Minimum of 4 meetings per year (one per term) and additional meetings as required
- Tuesday in Week 1 each term; 6.30 – 7.30pm

Promotion

- Use College Social Media to promote actions and initiatives
- P & F meetings
- Especean articles
- Placement on College Website

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