

# EMMANUEL STUDENTS HUNGRY TO FEED A GROWING NEED



“It’s terrible knowing that there are people in Warrnambool living rough, so if we can assist Foodshare maybe we can actually make a difference,” said Emmanuel College VCAL student Callum McDonald. Callum is part of the Year 11 VCAL (The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) group that is supporting Warrnambool Foodshare.

VCAL is an accredited secondary school certificate that focuses on literacy and numeracy skills, industry-specific skills, work-related skills and personal development skills. The students researched and visited several charities and community groups in Warrnambool as part of their Personal Development course. They then voted for the organisation they wanted to support as a class, with Foodshare being the clear winner. Warrnambool & District Foodshare is a community service not-for-profit organisation that provides food hampers for families in the community who are in crisis and need.

“Our class collectively came to the decision that it was the homelessness issue in Warrnambool that we wanted to support. We then formed groups and were each given different responsibilities,” said student Liam Bloom. “Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, it helps you get up and get moving,” said student Daniel Riordan. “We are running a donations drive within the College and asking for donations from families and staff members over the next week and will be preparing a healthy fruit salad breakfast at Warrnambool’s Soup Kitchen. Foodshare is always short of breakfast spreads and cereals.” The students are promoting the project through social media and posters.

“This project is a great opportunity for students to learn about the rewarding nature of volunteering their time and actively contributing to assisting others in our community,” said teacher Brendan Donahoo. Donations of non perishable food items such as cereals and breakfast spreads may be left at the Emmanuel College Rice Campus Office in Canterbury Road.

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