

BRINGING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO BALLARAT FAMILIES

Ballarat families who may not have been able to celebrate Christmas will receive a special gift this year.

Since August, Loreto College students have collected gifts and food to make up thirty-six hampers to help bring Christmas cheer to Ballarat families. The hampers were donated to St Vincent de Paul Society St Patrick's conference recently.

St Patrick's conference president Allen Moloney said the donation was a wonderful and generous offer. "It's good for the students to be involved in something like this, to point out how important it is to some families who would not have any treats at the Christmas table," Mr Moloney said. "The main thing is they are not forgotten." Mr Moloney said the hampers would be distributed to families who faced hardship across Ballarat.

Loreto College head of religious education faculty Peter Ford said the drive was in its 20th year. He said the hampers were made for a specific family and included toys, gifts for parents, Christmas cakes and other goodies. "The Loreto spirit that underpins our community has been demonstrated through this commendable effort from our students and staff."



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Top photo: Loreto College students Emmi Gale and Liv Caine with Allen Moloney and Lorraine Stuart from St Vincent de Paul Society, St Patrick's Conference.

Bottom photo: More donations.