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STUDENTS' SPIRIT OF GIVING ON SHOW



Year 7 students Sophie Smith, Kelly Snow, Joy Heng and Avery Willis sell their handmade goods at the All Saints' College Christmas Market.

THE spirit of giving was on clear display at All Saints College this festive season with the school holding a range of fundraisers to raise money and build hampers for the Salvation Army.

The fundraising efforts, which collected just over \$2500, were driven by the school's years 7 and 8 students after they participated in the Salvation Army's Beyond the Classroom program to learn more about homelessness in Australia.

After hearing that 11 per cent of Australia's homeless were aged under 12 and that domestic disputes, rather than drugs or alcohol, were the main reason for people becoming homeless, the students set to work.

The first venture the students tackled was the Doorways Project, with each class given an old door and challenged to completely cover it with silver coins.

Another first-time initiative was a Christmas market.

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quired to develop a business plan, pitch it to investors (their parents), get them to invest, and then use their investment to produce products which were sold at the market.

Ideas for the students' business ventures were diverse, from lip gloss to bath bombs and even a pop-up photo booth.

Finally, all staff and students participated in the creation of Christmas hampers for individual Perth families who are sleeping rough.

The All Saints community collected items such as vouchers, clothing, food, baby goods, toys and more to fill nearly 50 hampers.

Acting head of service learning Natasha Saunders said service learning was an important part of the learning journey of students.

"It is through service to others that our students experience personal growth and develop skills to become empathetic and compassionate individuals who aim to make a positive difference to their world."