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All Saints' College teachers to tackle Rottnest Channel Swim to raise money for homeless

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All Saints' College teachers Damien Stevens, Britt Gray, Mitch Jamieson and Russ Haxby will compete in the Rottnest Channel Swim on Saturday.



FOUR All Saints' College teachers will tackle the Rottnest Channel Swim for a good cause on Saturday, raising money to provide swags for the homeless ahead of winter.

Britt Gray, Damien Stevens, Russ Haxby and Mitch Jamieson are the All Saints' Salamanders, one of hundreds of teams competing in the 19.7km open water swim from Cottesloe Beach to Rottnest Island.

The quartet is using the race to raise money for Street Swags, an organisation that provides lightweight, waterproofed canvas bags with foam mattresses to homeless people in Australia.

"The more people that know about Street Swags, the greater their impact," Mr Jamieson said.

"We are constantly reminded to be grateful for what we have and when you think of those who are not as fortunate as us, the decision to donate swags seemed to make a lot of sense."

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Mr Haxby, who his teammates say is the strongest swimmer and have nicknamed 'Merman,' will start the swim, completing the first kilometre from Cottesloe Beach.

The team will then rotate every six minutes before swimming the final 800m together, aiming to break the six-hour mark.

"None of us were squad swimmers in school so we have had to work hard to get to a level where we are fit enough to complete in the race," Mr Jamieson said.

This is the third year a staff team from All Saints' College will participate in the Rottneest Channel Swim, and the second time they have fundraised for a charitable organisation.

Each Street Swag costs \$60 to produce and the All Saints' Salamanders have already raised nearly \$3000.

The swags will be distributed to local homeless people in Perth by All Saints' College students who volunteer one morning a week, as part of the school's Service Learning program, with the Salvation Army.

If you would like to donate to the team, visit <https://rotnnestswim2017.everydayhero.com/au/salamanders-rotnnest-swim>.