



Head, Hearts and Hands Service Learning Program



Changemakers *Engaging with College Partners* "Finding my voice"

Overview

This program is run through our *Creative Industry* program, involving every student in Year 8. Through the Changemakers program students are connected with a College partner of their choice to design creative and innovative solutions to challenges faced by that partner organisation. This program begins with students from Years 11, 12 and the Old Saints community making brief pitches to help the Year 8 students understand the work of the College Service partner group that they represent. The Year 8 students then align themselves with one of these partner organisations and are invited to engage directly with senior members of those organisations to identify challenges, problems and opportunities that they can engage with as changemakers. Having chosen the Service partner they would like to work alongside and the issue they will engage with, students are led through the Design Thinking process to create prototypes and solutions on their chosen issue. The solutions they create are then presented back to their partner organisations as a creative or innovative way to address the issue that they face.

Timing

Terms 1 and 2 in Year 8, Creative Industry periods.

Curriculum Links:

General Capabilities:

Personal and Social Capability

- Contribute to civil society - analyse personal and social roles and responsibilities in planning and implementing ways of contributing to their communities
- Communicate effectively - formulate plans for effective communication (verbal, nonverbal, digital) to complete complex tasks
- Work collaboratively - critique their ability to devise and enact strategies for working in diverse teams, drawing on the skills and contributions of team members to complete complex tasks

Ethical Understanding

- Explore rights and responsibilities - analyse rights and responsibilities in relation to the duties of a responsible citizen

Engagement with All Saints' College Four Pillars of Service Learning

Intentional Learning: Students involved in this program will learn about the issues that face individual organisations that are seeking to make a positive difference in the world. They will develop skills in; design thinking, research, developing empathetic understanding, leadership, planning, organisation, speaking in public and communication.

Meaningful Service: The service that is offered here is one of creating solutions to authentic difficulties faced by caring organisations that often have limited resources to seek for creative and sustainable solutions to the challenges the organisation, their clients and workers encounter.

Diversity: There is an opportunity for students to engage with people in the wider community whose needs are very different from their own. To successfully move through the Design Thinking process, students are required to come to a deep understanding of the needs and difficulties that are faced by the organisation and those that they work alongside. Equally, this task allows students to bring to bear the skills, passions and abilities that they have in a number of fields and, therefore, to discover new ways in which they can engage in service.

Partnership: This event will always be run with our ongoing partners from the following organisations:

- Amana Living
- Disabled Surfers' Association
- Go Green
- Nine is Mine (Delhi)
- Nulsen Disability Services
- Teach Learn Grow

The Leader in Me Link

Be Proactive

Seek first to Understand

Synergise