



Service an opportunity for All Saints' students

All Saints' College, WA

For over three years, All Saints' College has developed a strong partnership with local aged care facility, Amana Living, through its *H3: Head, Hearts and Hands Service Learning Program*.

Through this partnership, the College provides students in Year 5 and Years 8 – 12 with opportunities to serve in the wider community through interaction with local Amana Living residents and staff.

Students in the Year 5 Amana Living program spend one hour every fortnight with residents at the Amana Living Frederick Guest Village, allowing them to interact with individuals in a relaxed and recreational setting.

Senior School students from Years 8 – 12 participate in the newly established Gen-Connect program that enables older adults to learn about technology in a stress-free and inclusive environment. These students work with residents from two Amana Living centres and the Royal Australian Air Force Association WA Village in one-on-one training sessions to increase the residents' digital literacy and social connectedness.

As well as the Gen-Connect program, a select number of Year 10 students are chosen each year to become Amana Living Dementia Advocates. These students work closely with residents who live with dementia at the Amana Living Lefroy Care Centre and aim to improve their quality of life.

Students also advocate for those living with dementia by sharing their experiences across a range of platforms, developing their own leadership skills in the process.

Year 11 students are also presented with an opportunity to increase Amana Living residents' wellbeing by participating in the College's Outdoor Learning Program. In consultation with residents, the students build movable outdoor and environmental experiences at the Amana Living facilities which can be transported to individuals at the centres for those with mobility issues.

All Saints' Dean of Student Wellbeing, Reverend Timothy Russell, said the partnership provides students with opportunities to develop their leadership skills, work alongside their peers, build on teamwork capabilities and broaden their experience of life.

"Each program allows students to engage creatively and compassionately with a community beyond their own, with which they may otherwise not have contact," Reverend Russell said.

"Students not only come to understand the needs of the residents, but also consider what they can do to improve the residents' life experience and make a positive difference to those with whom they have formed a relationship."



HELPING HAND: All Saints' College Years 8 – 12 students and Amana Living residents participating in the Gen-Connect program.