



RECORD DONATIONS FROM ALL SAINTS STUDENT SLEEP OUT

SLUMBER SUCCESS

All Saints College in Bull Creek had the most students take part in last week's Anglicare WA School Sleep Out.

Across Perth, a record 350 students raised a record total for Anglicare WA's Street Connect youth outreach program through the annual sleep out, which is normally held at a central destination such as Optus Stadium but was unable to be this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

That didn't stop 59 students from camping out Friday night in the All Saints' school grounds and raising \$19,340 for the Street Connect program, which supports vulnerable young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

WA organiser Kelly Keall said digital innovation had ensured the fifth annual sleep out could not only go ahead but raise a six-figure amount.

"As in previous years, each student was given the identity of a vulnerable young person who may be sleeping rough or at risk of homelessness and were given a series of interactive online activities to complete," she said.



All Saints College students Cara Brown, Stephanie Mischke and Ashleigh Tsang.

"The students were given difficult choices to make in unfamiliar settings, such as accessing finances, dealing with peer pressure, managing their mental health or simply trying to get a bed for the night with-

out the support of family.

"Most of the young people we support come from difficult environments and have little support, unlike the students participating in the sleep-out for whom it only lasts a night."

Anglicare WA CEO Mark Glasson said it cost more than \$500,000 annually to keep Street Connect on the road. He said students in this year's Sleep Out should be incredibly proud of themselves.