



2019

ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH PROGRAM





Clean up  Day



House Activities



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Winter Sleepout



INTRODUCTION

The Social Justice Outreach Program has been an integral part of College life. It has allowed the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice to reach out to our community.

Over the last few years, with the recommendations of staff, students, parents and guardians, we have been able to streamline the process for completion, submission and recording of students' mandatory Social Justice Hours. This has led to an increase in the number of students who have completed their Mandatory Social Justice Hours and, therefore, the more voluntary hours that have been given to our local community groups.

REVIEW

Our review of the Social Justice Outreach Program, along with meetings with other Schools who have similar programs, has led to some changes. The most obvious is the integration of the Social Justice Booklet of previous years into 2019 Student Diary. This will give Pastoral Teachers more control over student's progress with the Social Justice Outreach Program. They will be able to monitor and encourage students when they do the weekly diary checks.

SOCIAL JUSTICE RECORD

The explanation of the Social Justice Outreach Program can now be found in the Student Diary 2019 on pages 6 and 7. With the Record of Service (page 157) and Reflection on Service (page 158) at the back of the Student Diary.

Students will complete only their Mandatory Hours in the Record of Service and reflect on the service they have provided.

The Mandatory Hours have not changed in the last four years:

- YEAR 7 - 7 hours
- YEAR 8 - 8 Hours
- YEAR 9 - 9 Hours
- YEAR 10 - 10 Hours
- SENIOR - 12 Hours

Our goal is for the students to only record their Mandatory Hours in the Social Justice Record so that we can get them to complete the Social Justice Outreach Program as soon as possible. Many students who try and build up many hours before submitting sometimes often do not reach their goal or miss the deadline and do not get a Certificate or an Award. We want to set them up for success.

This also encourages them to set about this work earlier and for staff and parents to know where the student is up to with their personal commitment.



 write a book in a day



OPERATION BACKPACK

REFLECTION

Once students have completed their Mandatory Hours they are to reflect upon their experience. This has been an essential part of the Social Justice Outreach Program. Students are to complete these in full sentences.

SUBMISSION

Once students have completed the above steps they are to sign, have their parents/ guardians sign and submit it to the Pastoral Teacher in Homeroom.

HOMEROOM RECORDING

The Pastoral Teacher is to read through the Record of Service and Reflection and check the student has completed his mandatory hours and completed a neatly written reflection using full sentences.

Pastoral Teachers are to open the Social Justice Spreadsheet 2019 in the Staff Applications folder. Pastoral Teachers are then to enter the confirmation in the column next to the student's name and homeroom. Homeroom teachers are encouraged to update the Social Justice Spreadsheet 2019 while still in Homeroom after they have signed a student's Social Justice Record.

Once completed, the Pastoral teacher is to place the Social Justice Record in the pigeon-hole marked Social Justice, in the Staffroom.

Pastoral teachers will then offer students the blue Advanced Social Justice Booklet for recording extra hours (see below).

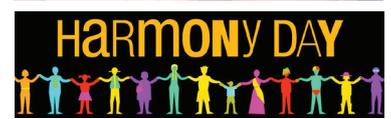
OFFICE PROCEDURE

Administration staff will regularly clear the Social Justice Pigeon-Hole and review Social Justice Spreadsheet 2019. Administration staff will produce certificates acknowledging students who have submitted a completed Social Justice Record. They will then enter the date in the second column to show that this has been issued.

It will be sent to the Homeroom Teacher to present in Homeroom or at a relevant event.

NON-MANDATORY HOURS

Many students complete more than their Mandatory Hours and this is to be encouraged but they are to do this in a separate booklet, the blue Advanced Social Justice Booklet. These Booklets make the student eligible for an award at the Awards Evening or at Graduation.



ADVANCED SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOKLET

The Advanced Social Justice Booklet offers students the opportunity to explore issues of interest, deepen a relationship with an organisation they feel connected with, or to continue serving the community.

When students complete their Mandatory Hours in the Student Diary 2019, Pastoral Teachers will offer an Advanced Social Justice Booklet and note it in the column marked and record the date; e.g. 'Issued Advanced Bklt 19/2/19'.

When the Advanced Social Justice Booklet is completed, it will be presented to the Pastoral Teacher, after the student has filled it out and had it signed. The Pastoral Teacher is to sign it, record the hours in either of the following three columns:

- St Dominic Savio Award for Social Justice (25 extra hours)
- Blessed Edmund Rice Leadership Award in Social Justice (50 extra hours)
- Waterford Award for Compassion (100 extra hours)

These three awards are presented to Years 7 to 11 at the Annual Academic Awards in December and for Year 12 at their Graduation.

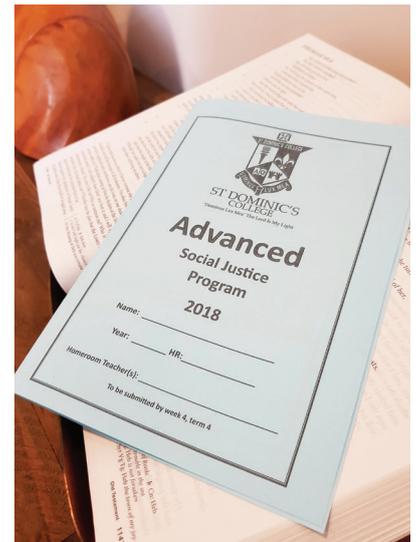
The Awards are to acknowledge the commitment of our students as they live out the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

We have increased the awards to include the Waterford Award for Compassion. In the last three years we have had a several students who have completed over 100 hours and a few complete more than 200 hours, so this new award will acknowledge their commitment.

CONCLUSION

We encourage students to support a range of school and community activities through the Social Justice Outreach Program. We have vibrant co-curricula, House and Key Learning Area programs and activities that students can join to develop their commitment to service. We have responded to the suggestions to improve the experience for students, staff, supervisors, parents and even clients.

Just as we encourage our students to take charge of their learning, we encourage them to be responsible for putting their faith into action. Of course, they need your guidance.



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