Some examples of service may be:

- Assisting at the local parish e.g. alter serving, reading, children’s liturgy
- Helping younger students in the ARC after school
- Attending and actively engaging in Weekly SEA programme meetings
- Coaching, managing, refereeing/adjudicating or assisting with a younger sporting team or College clubs
- Visiting and/or helping an elderly neighbour or family member
- Participating in a worthy cause e.g. 40 Hour Famine
- Preparing and Participating in a fundraising event eg City2Surf or Pub2Pub
- Participating in Life Saving Beach Patrol
- Being a driving force behind your Tutor Group Lenten Appeal, St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal
- Volunteering time and energy for an NGO eg St Vincent de Paul, Caritas Australia, Salvation Army, Mission Australia
- Helping and participating in College sponsored activities eg Global Connection Gala Day, Community Connect Gardening, Melanoma March, Legacy Day, Kids R Christmas, St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and Pink Breakfast

If there are any questions or concerns about this activity please do not hesitate to contact Student Formation Leaders, the College SEA Coordinator or myself.

We see this framework as a guiding partner for the young men of Year 8 and 9 and by providing a gentle incentive or method of encouragement we hope to expose them to the profound and worthy benefits of giving oneself to others.

Yours sincerely

Peter Nolan
Dean of Middle School
At the centre of our Catholic, Augustinian way of life is Christ’s message of care and consideration for others, especially for those on the margins of our society or for the forgotten ones. With this in mind, it is crucial that we educate with a clear orientation towards service. We do this well at St Augustine’s College with active involvement in the SEA Programme, our annual Lenten Appeal and Christmas Hampers and also by the various service tasks in Year 10 Caritas Week and Year 9 UNITAS. The aim of **Year 8 and 9 Service Education** is to build upon this culture and to provide a clear framework for boys, in their early teenage years, to document and share their existing service achievements. It will also encourage and guide individuals to participate and gain from the benefits of devoting some time to others. Put simply, at St Augustine’s College we aim for all members of the community to experience the joy that comes from serving others.

All boys in Year 8 and 9 will begin each year with a brief seminar run by the College SEA Coordinator. This seminar will clearly articulate the reason for service in our lives, the benefits of giving and how the programme will run.

We will be asking that Year 8 and 9 boys participate or give of their time to others for **15 hours per year outside school hours** and that these hours be documented on the back this booklet and shared or celebrated with others in their Tutor Groups. This sharing or celebration session will involve a brief 3 minute presentation to peers and friends with Tutor Groups at the end of the year.

The expectation is for all boys to fulfil this opportunity though there will be no strict consequence for those who struggle. College staff members will always be available to offer assistance and advice. As a way to include some accountability there is a space in the table on the back of the booklet for adults, including parents, to vouch or ‘sign-off’ for the completed service.