Community Action Teams in the Senior School

The Senior School staff have introduced our Community Action Teams (CAT) for the first time and we are all very excited about working with a variety of students each Thursday for 2 hours to work on a community problem/issue or completing a task within the school.

The purpose for implementing these groups is to:
• To improve student leadership, motivation and engagement within the Senior School.
• Improve students' connectedness to school, friends, teachers and community through real life activities.

The role of the Community Action Teams is for students to be able to research a community or school issue, make plans and proposals to address the issue and then take action to achieve the set goals. The teams can research a community of school issue, make plans and proposals and take action to achieve goals.

We have selected our 7 team topics and the students have chosen what team they would like to be involved in. We have also employed a writing expert, Kathy Stewart (a past teacher of MPPS) to work with one of our teams.

Our teams are:
• Leadership (consisting of our two School Captains, 8 House Captains and 12 Student Council Representatives). This team is responsible for developing their leadership skills, focusing on public speaking, organisation and developing confidence, assist with school assemblies, participate in debating with Mill Park Secondary College and then finally organise and run the whole school athletics carnival in Week 2 of Term 3.
• Sustainability – constructing a pond and lizard farm at the school.
• Health and Fitness – running a whole school skipping competition and fundraising.
• Drug Education – allowing the students to be educated about drugs and alcohol and then train them to conduct an Information Night for parents, students and families about Drug Education.
• Writing – our expert writers in the Senior School will be writing stories to be published.
• Working with the elderly – creating community links with a local nursing home. Students will perform plays, read to the elderly, conduct morning teas and activities to do with them.
• Disability Awareness – students are linking with Norparrin and Concord where they will build relationships with the students and develop strong community links.

We will ensure to keep you updated with the Community Action Teams throughout Term 2. Make sure you read the school newsletter frequently and come and look in the Senior School gallery at our display.

To celebrate our Community Action Teams we will be holding an ‘EXPO’ night where each group will be presenting what they have participated in and achieved throughout our 12 week program.

Senior School Teachers