



Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers

Tevlin House has a Social Justice focus area of Homelessness. A major event this year for all Senior School Tevlin students is to attend the Tevlin Winter Sleepout. This event is an opportunity for the boys to participate in an overnight stay in the Waverley College Gym, hear the real accounts of some people who work in support services for homelessness and gain a greater understanding of a variety of its issues. Tevlin's goal is to take leadership for a successful school-wide donation drive to Support the Matthew Talbot Hostel's services over the next month and demonstrate on-going compassion towards marginalised groups in society.

Date and Time: 6:30pm Friday August 19, through to 7:00am Saturday August 20.

Location: Waverley College Gymnasium

Dress: Casual warm clothing.

Activities:

* 3 guest speakers coming from the Matthew Talbot Hostel in Woolloomooloo, with these staff presenting many of their roles, stories and discussing short and long term treatments for homelessness.

* Students will put together toiletry packs for the homeless that the Matthew Talbot Hostel provides

* Pre bedtime video on some homelessness case studies in Australia.

Items to Bring: Casual warm clothing (multiple layers), sleeping bag, a beanie.

All boys are asked to bring.

Items NOT to bring: camping mats, portable mattresses, electronic devices, food items (unless necessary for medical requirements). Boys will be required to hand in any mobile phones, and these will be returned at 6:30am on Saturday morning.

If any Year 7-12 boy is unable to attend the event, parents or caregivers are asked to email a request for exemption to jmccallum@waverley.nsw.edu.au 1 week prior to the event.

Tevlin House also has the goal of being able to lead a school-wide donation drive in August for many key items that the Matthew Talbot Hostel require in putting together packs to support their accommodation and re-homing services. All boys are encouraged to identify some of the items on the following list in order to be able to donate and bring to school in weeks 3,4,5 or on the night of the sleepout. Boys will be packing these into tailored packs ready for distribution and use during this Winter period by the Matthew Talbot Hostel. Tevlin boys will also be promoting the donation drive to the other House groups in order to maximise the impact of our collective effort.



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Matthew Talbot Winter Appeal - Donation item list:

Toiletry pack Items - small traveller size (150 or so toiletry packs are distributed each fortnight to the men accessing services at MTH)

- toothpaste/ toothbrush
- soap / body wash
- razor/ shaving foam/ shaving gel
- deodorant (small roll on variety)
- comb / tissues (small packets)
- q tips (cotton buds)
- nail clippers

Home Starter Kit Items: (these are prepared and distributed to the men when they move out of the hostel into more settled accommodation).

- Cooking Wooden Spoon
- Spatula
- Grater
- Can Opener
- Small Chopping Board
- Saucepans/s
- Frypan/s

Clothing (new)

Gloves , Underpants (Large or XL size)

Yours sincerely,

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