

30 August, 2022

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

**RE: Year 8 Community Service Week - Monday 5 September – Friday 9 September**

We are now approaching our **Year 8 Community Service Week**. This week of scheduled incursions for our Year 8 cohort will run in the last week of Term 3, from **Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September**.

**Please find below pertinent details related to the program:**

- The program will run each day during regular school hours, 9:00am – 3:35pm
- Students should go to Homeroom each morning as per usual routine, 8:45am – 9:00am.
- Correct AGS sports uniform is to be worn for all days of the program
- Students should bring relevant learning materials every day (i.e. pens and paper)
- For Wednesday's clean-up day, students should be prepared for wet weather (including rain jackets and appropriate footwear) and carry any personal medications with them such as asthma pumps or EpiPens
- Parents/ parent liaisons should notify any student absences as per usual procedure

Please find an outline of the program schedule and activities on the following page. Please note that students will be emailed directly with a more detailed weekly schedule (outlining groups, timing and room locations) before the commencement of the program.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me directly via [cto@ags.vic.edu.au](mailto:cto@ags.vic.edu.au).

Kind regards,



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Head of EHASS/ Community Service Coordinator

## **YEAR 8 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM OUTLINE**

### **MONDAY 5 – FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

#### **MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER: DISABILITY AWARENESS**

- ***Swim Team (2016)*** - documentary and related activities on Autism awareness
- **Wheelchair basketball**, with external facilitator from [WheelTalk](#)
- **Disability access activity** – surveying the school’s building and amenities from the point of view of a variety of disabilities (incl. low-vision/ blind, hearing-impaired, mobility issues and sensory sensitivity)

#### **TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER: ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY & HOMELESSNESS**

- ***Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World (2021)*** - documentary and related activities, focusing on climate change
- **Microplastics investigation lesson**, with AGS STEM staff
- **Australia’s Most Liveable City?** Virtual tour of Melbourne focusing on the issue of homelessness, with external presenter from [The Intersection](#)

#### **WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER: ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY & HOMELESSNESS**

- **Homelessness & empathy** workshop, with external presenter from [The Intersection](#)
- **Alphington Grammar’s ‘War on Waste’** – student clean-up of school grounds and surrounding parklands (gloves, rubbish bags and sanitizer provide; staff will accompany students at all times during activity)
- **‘The news about plastic’ environmental action debate lesson**, with AGS English staff

#### **THURSDAY 8 – FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER: HANDS-ON COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- **Hands-on activity day and education sessions** facilitated by external organization, [Kids in Philanthropy](#)
- **Making and packing items for various Melbourne charities**, to be delivered directly into the community to support those in need