



# St Benedict's Primary School

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## 'St Vincent de Paul School Stay Out'

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child has expressed interest in attending our St Benedict's School 'Stay Out'. This event is an alternative to the SleepOut held previously. It aims to give our students a tangible experience of what it would be like to be homeless, bring awareness about the realities faced by people considered to be homeless, and encourage students to do something about it.

This year the Stay Out is available to students in Years 3 – 6. It will be from 4:00pm – 9:00pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Families are asked to donate their usual cost of childminding for the evening. All money raised will be given directly to St Vincent de Paul in support of the Night Patrol van.

The School Stay Out event will include activities designed to break open the issue of homelessness, a St Vincent de Paul Society presentation, and a simulated homeless experience through students 'sleeping out' in a controlled environment monitored by school staff. Activities will be held in the school library, the canteen foyer and the courtyard. Staff members will be present to provide supervision at all times. Students will also have a light dinner of soup and bread roll during the evening.

Please sign the slip below to indicate your permission for your child to attend. If you have any questions about the School Stay Out, please contact me on [meaghan.younger@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:meaghan.younger@cg.catholic.edu.au) or through the front office.

***Students are asked to return the slip by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to assist with organisation and catering.***

Kind Regards,

Meaghan Younger  
Religious Education Coordinator  
St Benedict's Primary

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### **St Vincent de Paul School Stay Out**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the St Vincent de Paul School Stay Out being held at St Benedict's School on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. I understand that my child will be dropped at school at 4:00pm and collected by myself at 9:00pm.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for St Vincent de Paul of \$ \_\_\_\_\_