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Dear Year 11 Students

Year 11 - Community Service in 2019 and 2020

In Year 11 at Covenant, we have a program where you are asked to involve yourself in service to our school community.

The aims of the community service program are:

1. To give you an opportunity to serve the Covenant community, following Christ's model of servant leadership.
2. To give you experience of other areas of school life that you may not otherwise know about.
3. To share your talents with younger members of the community and to develop relationships across the school between all ages.
4. To give the younger students models of leadership and to learn and develop new skills.

Over the next two years of senior study you will be asked to complete 15 hours of community service. It would be advisable that most of it be completed by the end of Year 11 as this is typically less busy than Year 12. When completed, you will be presented with a certificate for your portfolio.

The following are some other ideas you may like to consider:

Years 3-6

1. Maths tuition
2. Reading one-on-one or groups
3. Assist with Junior Band (see Mrs Conway)
4. Assist with computers
5. Run a Bible Study Group or Prayer Group

Other ideas

1. A few students could form a committee to organise a special event or fundraising for younger students (see Mrs Gardner).
2. Some students could create a large mosaic to decorate a wall somewhere in the school (see Mrs Wiltshire).
3. Some responsible seniors could start a group in the Junior School that regularly meets one lunch per week to play board games, teach knitting, etc. (see Mr Morton).

What you need to do now:

1. Think and pray about what you should do.
2. Discuss with a few friends if you wish to do something as a group.
3. Approach the teacher/teachers with your request and your timetable, so that you can see if what you would like to do will fit in with them.
4. See Mr Apin for your registration sheet. You need to take this sheet with you each time you do Community Service. The teacher will sign your sheet each time you complete your task.
5. You may do a number of activities over the next two years. You may also do as many hours as you wish, but the minimum number is 15.

6. You have two weeks to decide and organise an act of service. After that, Mr Apin and Mrs O'Sullivan will be checking your progress to see what you have organised.

This is an exciting program and we really believe it will be a great benefit to both yourself and the greater school community!

Yours in the service of Christian education

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