



# ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (NSW)

## METROPOLITAN SCHOOLS & YOUTH NEWSLETTER

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2022



The Christmas season is near, and it is a joyful time for many. Yet as we know, it can be a challenging time for less fortunate people. Our 2022 Christmas Appeal is aimed at those impacted by the rising costs of living – those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

Your school has been sent Vinnies Christmas Appeal posters and an email with information about the Vinnies Christmas Appeal tailored to your local region. To find out how your school can best support the Christmas Appeal, contact your Schools Engagement Officer.

Please visit our NSW Vinnies Youth Christmas Appeals webpage for more information: <https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/christmasappeal>

### Thank you for supporting the Vinnies Winter Appeal 2022

As we conclude the 2022 Winter Appeal, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all school and youth communities who put their faith into action and worked to assist people experiencing hardship this Winter. As always, we have been deeply heartened at the generosity shown by supporters of Vinnies in the Metropolitan region and we are so very thankful.



*St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Auburn South*



### Starting Up a Mini Vinnies or High School Conference in 2023

There are many benefits of starting up a Mini Vinnies or Vinnies High School Conference. Students can make a real difference, meet like-minded people passionate about social justice, put their faith into action, participate in fun activities and develop leadership skills to prepare them for life after secondary school.

More information is available through our introductory [video](#). To enquire about starting a Mini Vinnies or Vinnies High School Conference at your school, please contact your Schools Engagement Officer.



## TERM 4, 2022

We love to hear from you!  
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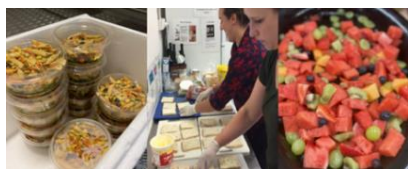
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### Mini Vinnies Formation Program

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## Metropolitan Vinnies Van Services Volunteer Opportunities

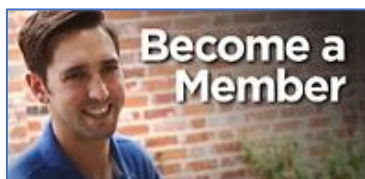


Thank you to all the school teams for supporting Metropolitan Vinnies Van Services. Contributions of snackpacks, sandwiches, toiletry items are deeply appreciated.

Sydney Night Patrol, Liverpool Night Patrol, Bayside Night Patrol, Greater Western Sydney Night Patrol have resumed. Please contact your Schools Engagement Officer if you would like to support Metropolitan Vinnies Vans.

## Become a Conference Member

Are you seeking ways that you can support people experiencing hardship in your local community? Consider learning more about becoming a part of a Vinnies Conference now at <https://bit.ly/joinvinniesmetro>



Open to parents, staff, parishioners, and those who are passionate about social justice and making a difference, Vinnies Conferences are the backbone of the Society and provide frontline support to vulnerable individuals and families. Watch [this video](#) to learn more. For more details, please sign up using our [Expression of Interest Form](#).



## Vinnies Schools Resources

The Mini Vinnies Starter Kit, our Vinnies National Secondary School Conference Guide, various Social Justice Fact Sheets, and our Vinnies Spirituality Guide: Year C are available to download for free from <https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/resources>

## Good News Story



The Metropolitan Vinnies Schools Team provides countless opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh and Community Services students as well as all other eager school aged volunteers.

Whether it's preparing snack packs, toiletry packs, bookmarks of hope or no-sew fleece blankets, there is something for everyone who is passionate to give back to their community.

Many thanks to Adam Ergul, Duke of Edinburgh student from Rosebank College (Five Dock) for support of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

## RETAIL VOLUNTEERING

Duke of Edinburgh students aged 14+ and all other students aged 16+ are invited to volunteer in our Vinnies Retail Stores. Volunteering is a fantastic way to increase your skills, experience, employability and to be engaged in the community.

Apply to be a Vinnies Shop Volunteer at <https://vinnies.org.au/shopvolunteernsw>

## VINNIES IS HERE TO HELP

If anyone in your school community requires support or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Vinnies Support Hotline on 13 18 12.

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If you would like to support Vinnies financially, please see our Major Appeal bank account details or give through our website. Please email a copy of your Bank Transfer receipt to your Schools Engagement Officer.

[www.vinnies.org.au/donate](http://www.vinnies.org.au/donate)

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account Name: SVDP Appeals

BSB: 062193

Account Number: 10057471

## PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

Dear God,

Please give us your strength to move any obstacles that may be in our way. May we rely on you for everything we do and glorify you in our actions and decisions.

Allow us to always remember you are with us, in the good and not so good times. As we come to the end of the year, please bless all students and staff as they prepare for exams and celebrations.

Amen





# VINNIES METRO YOUTH

If you would like to know more about or connect with Vinnies Youth (for individuals aged 18-35 years) in your local area, please get in touch with Vinnies Metro Youth Engagement Officer [Alysha Wong-O'Connor](#) (Allie).

## University Semester 2 O-Weeks

Metro Youth attended O-Weeks at Australian Catholic University (Strathfield, North Sydney, Blacktown) and Campion College.



## Buddies Days

Metro Youth organised Buddies Days at various fun locations (e.g. Reptile Park, Ten Pin Bowling) across the Metropolitan region including schools.



If your school would like to host a Buddies Day, please contact your Schools Engagement Officer.

## Youth Events

The Metro Youth Team was also represented at the Sydney Alliance Conference, Praisefest, and Ignite Youth Conference!



## Volunteer with Vinnies

Let us know what you're interested in, and where you're from, and we'll be in touch! If you're not too sure yet, that's okay, we'll talk you through it. If you would like to join Vinnies Youth, please visit: <https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/bethechange/>



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