

WELCOME TO OUR SVDP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONFERENCE

THIS YEAR...



President or social justice leader is:	
Vice president or 2nd social justice leader is:	
Our secretary is:	
Our treasurer is:	
Any additional roles:	

Our meetings will be held:	
Every:	Time:
Location:	Our coordinating teacher is:

Our local St Vincent de Paul Society member is:
Email:

Other important contacts for our group are:



THIS YEAR...

School Conference Member	Signature	Date
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OUR GOALS FOR THIS YEAR

Our main goals for this year are:

- Hearing how the St Vincent de Paul Society supports people
- Having fun
- Learning more about the issues in our community
- Raising awareness of social issues to our school community
- Giving up my time to help others
- Fundraising
- Other:
- Other:

The main social issues that we want to learn about and support this year?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty in our local community | <input type="checkbox"/> People Seeking Asylum and Refugees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Social isolation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education overseas | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental illness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Equity |

Are there any others? (List them)



TIPS FOR A GREAT VINNIES HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Prepare your group values and vision

Brainstorm all the values that all members of the School Conference group should adhere to e.g. respect for each other's ideas, kindness and compassion toward others, etc.

The secretary takes notes during the brainstorm and after typing it up, all members should sign their name at the next meeting to show that everyone will uphold the group standards.

Use the following model to guide your approach to good works



Plan early

Many activities take longer to plan than you think! Always make sure you give yourself 4-6 meetings to plan and execute an idea before you just jump in.

Take a look at the Key Events Calendar (link: https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/YOUTH_KEY-EVENTS_CALENDAR_2024.pdf) for some key social justice events that your High School Conference may like to support.

Involve as many members as possible

Don't let just one or two members do all the work. Even if it is just a small job. Everyone joined the Vinnies High School Conference because they wanted to help in some way.

You might like to create positions in the group to help involve members e.g. younger members can be in charge of making posters to promote activities. Group members that don't like speaking in front of groups might write a reflective article for the school newsletter.

Think beyond fundraising

There are lots of things that you can do to help others that doesn't involve asking for money.

- Organise a collection drive — Food, clothing, toys, hygiene products etc. The sky is the limit!
- Raise awareness about a cause that means something to you- Create posters, an event, a guest speaker, a school survey etc.
- Organise some community outreach — visits to the local Nursing home every month to spend some time with the senior citizens, or write letters to children in hospital to brighten their day

We encourage you to involve your whole school community where possible.

Check out our Fundraising A-Z resource (link: <https://fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/A-to-Z-Fundraising-Ideas.pdf>) for some other innovative ways that you can make a difference!

Don't forget to tag Vinnies NSW social media pages to share your wonderful success stories!

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