



ALL HALLOWS'  
SCHOOL

# Mercy Action Handbook

*Mercy  
Action*



165  
YEARS  
1861-2026

# Contents

- 1 2025 Mercy Action Program List

## **PROGRAM TYPE: AWARENESS RAISING - SCHOOL BASED**

- 2 AHS Cafe 547
- 3 AHSews & Crochet for Care
- 4 Eat Up Sandwich Making
- 5 Eco Justice Group & Green Thumbs
- 6 Human Rights Group & Inlusee
- 7 Jane's Team
- 8 Kitty's Room & Library Helpers
- 9 Mercy Cooking & Wellbeing Dog - Teddy

## **PROGRAM TYPE: OFFSITE OUTREACH**

- 10 Brisbane Central State School Tutoring
- 11 Eddie's Van & Jimmie's Van
- 12 Student2Student & Villa Maria

## **PROGRAM TYPE: HERITAGE & LITURGY**

- 13 Bell Ringing
- 14 Heritage Group & Liturgies

# 2026 Mercy Action Program List

|                          | Monday                                         | Tuesday                                                               | Wednesday                                                 | Thursday                                                              | Friday                                                                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BEFORE SCHOOL            | Cafe 547<br>(7am-8:15am, Yrs10 & 11)           | Cafe 547<br>(7am-8:15am, Yrs10 & 11)                                  | Cafe 547<br>(7am-8:15am, Yrs 10 & 11)                     | Cafe 547<br>(7am-8:15am, Yrs 10 & 11)                                 | Cafe 547<br>(7am-8:15am, Yrs 10 & 11)                                         |
|                          |                                                | Eddie's Van<br>(St Joseph's Gregory Terrace, 6:15am-8am, Yrs 11 & 12) | Jimmie's Van<br>(6:15am-8am, Yrs 10 - 12)                 | Eddie's Van<br>(St Joseph's Gregory Terrace, 6:15am-8am, Yrs 11 & 12) |                                                                               |
| 12PM                     | Bell Ringing                                   | Bell Ringing                                                          | Bell Ringing                                              | Bell Ringing                                                          | Bell Ringing                                                                  |
| LUNCH-TIME               |                                                | Eco-Justice Group<br>(Second Bell, Yrs 7 - 12)                        | AHSews<br>(Lunch Yrs 9 - 12)                              | Kitty's Room<br>(Lunch, Yrs 9 - 12)                                   |                                                                               |
|                          |                                                | Green Thumbs<br>Lunch<br>(Yrs 5 and 6)                                | Crochet for Care<br>(Lunch Yrs 7 - 12)                    |                                                                       |                                                                               |
|                          |                                                | Human Rights Group<br>(Lunch, Yrs 7 - 12)                             |                                                           |                                                                       |                                                                               |
|                          |                                                | Wellbeing Dog<br>Lunch<br>(Yr 8)                                      |                                                           |                                                                       |                                                                               |
| AFTER SCHOOL             |                                                | Villa Maria<br>(3:30pm-4:30pm, Yrs 9 to 12)                           | Micah Meals<br>(Every 2nd week, Staff Only)               | Brisbane Central State School Tutoring<br>(3:15pm-4:30pm, Yrs 9 & 10) |                                                                               |
|                          |                                                |                                                                       | Mercy Cooking<br>Offered in semester 2                    |                                                                       |                                                                               |
| AS NEEDED / INTERMITTANT | Eat Up Sandwich Making<br>(Mon/Tue, Yrs7 - 12) | Jane's Team<br>(Yrs 7 & 8)                                            | Library Helpers<br>(Yrs 7 - 12, once a week after school) | Liturgy<br>(Yrs 7 - 12)                                               | Student2Student<br>(Yr 11, At home afterschool/ weekends, 2-3 times per week) |

# Awareness Raising - School

## AHS Café 547

|                                  |                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Student volunteers make hot drinks at AHS Café 547, with funds raised going towards the whole school project. 2 students help each session. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Year 10 and Year 11. (Students attending Immersion programs are rostered in Terms 2 and 3).                                                 |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Every morning in Café 547 from 7.00am to 8.15am.                                                                                            |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | 2 students per session, plus one reserve.                                                                                                   |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Once off or intermittent engagement.<br>Students are rostered on multiple shifts over the Semester.                                         |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 1 hour 15 mins per session.                                                                                                                 |



## AHSews

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Using sewing and craft skills to make items for those in need in the community. AHSews aims to use recycled textiles where possible. Some projects will require students to have experience using a sewing machine, others will not. Each student engages on a project-by-project basis (eg. Making quilts), and can engage in multiple projects throughout the year. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 9 - 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Every Wednesday lunchtime straight after the bell. Textiles Room.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Depends on the project (20 per group when using sewing machines)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | 1 Term                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Crochet for Care

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Students will meet weekly to Crochet blankets for those experiencing homelessness.<br>No experience needed as students will teach other students to crochet. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 7 - 12                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Every Wednesday lunchtime straight after the bell, at the Potter Library on the stairs.                                                                      |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | 10-15 per group                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Term Time.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session.                                                                                                                                      |

## Eat Up Sandwich Making

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Eat Up is an initiative that aims to ensure that no Australian student goes hungry. By hosting sandwich making events, volunteers engage in making up to 1000 sandwiches in that time, which are then delivered to local schools and given to students who wouldn't normally have access to a consistent lunch. The Eat Up team brings all of the equipment and items, and we simply set Loretto Hall up with tables, chairs and enough students to help blitz the total. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 7 - 12.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | As booked with Eat Up – once per term. Located in Loretto Hall from 3.15pm – 4.30pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | 40 students are needed, with a ratio of 1:20 supervision/help from staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Once off or intermittent engagement. Held four times each year with different target groups of students involved each time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 1 hour 15 mins per session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



## Eco Justice Group

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | This group works under the slogan “Think Globally, Act Locally.” It seeks to help students to understand that care for our local school environment and wider issues such as Global Warming are inter-related. Groups are divided into the areas of interest with supporting the School’s Environmental Sustainability Plan and focusing on the Containers 4 Change project, and looking at sustainable fashion. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 7 – 12.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Tuesdays, lunchtime, MP2.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Everyone who puts Eco Justice as their 1st preference. Groups then split off into their area of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Weekly, ongoing, Semester long engagement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## Green Thumbs: Grow with Grace

|                                  |                                                                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Growing a vast variety and number of herbs and other edible plants. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Year 6 and 2025 - Year 5                                            |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Tuesday lunchtime - meet in Kirinari Place at the veggie pods       |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | 10                                                                  |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | One per week                                                        |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session                                              |

## Human Rights Group

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | The essence of the Human Rights group is the ability to share ideas and opinions and work to create a better world. It involves a range of girls from Years 7-12, collaborating, educating themselves and using their voices to raise awareness about violations of various human rights, so they can make a change for the better in our community. Emphasis is placed on discussion and collaboration. This is a very welcoming, fun and non-judgemental space that works hard to make a difference in the school and wider community. The only requirement is to have passion to make the world a better place and show you want to get involved in the group. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 7 – 12.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Wednesdays, Lunchtime. MP 1.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Everyone who puts Human Rights as their 1st preference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Weekly, ongoing, Semester long engagement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Inclusee: Connecting Community

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | The purpose of Inclusee is to use the power of connection to reduce isolation and loneliness for Australians. At Inclusee, connection is at the core of everything they do. They connect people to friends, family, interests, cultures, and events. Through our cutting-edge Digital Programs, specially trained volunteers provide companionship and comfort to our community participants. Students will meet each Tuesday via Teams. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Year 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Every Tuesday - McAuley Building                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | 10 students per group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Term time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Jane's Team

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | <p>Jane's Team helps with the needs of other ministries in the school, as well as assisting others in our community.</p> <p>Jane's Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packs the items gathered from the school's Easter Appeal</li> <li>• Makes small items to give as gifts to the residents of Villa Maria</li> <li>• Packs and reorganises items from the Winter Appeal to support the Micah Community Group</li> <li>• Helps to recycle items that can be used to support the above groups</li> <li>• Responds to any emerging needs that arise from the AHS ministries or school initiatives</li> </ul> |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 7 & 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Jane's Team meets at lunchtime on an as needs basis, with the day and location determined based on the task/project at hand.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Approximately 20 students per group, with 2 groups allocated per term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | For approximately half the term, and ready on an as needs basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



## Kitty's Room

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | <p>Student volunteer groups meet to help organise and pack Home Starter Packs that are donated to organisations supporting people in need. The packs are designed to support people who are going back into homes after a period of homelessness.</p> <p>This can be for refugees and newly arrived families, people experiencing domestic and family violence, leaving prison, sleeping rough or moving into supported living. The packs include new household items like plates, cutlery, pots, pans, mugs, cups, sheets, pillows, towels and allows them the dignity to start a new chapter with new items and basic comforts that allow them to settle into their home.</p> |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 9 - 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Thursday lunchtime. Kitty's Room, Dodge Lane Music Rooms every Tuesday - McAuley Building                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Weekly commitment for 2 weeks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Library Helpers

|                                  |                                                  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Potter Library Helpers help with library duties. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 7 – 12                                     |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Potter Library, as required                      |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Approx. 10 students rostered every week          |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Term time                                        |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 30 minutes per day after school                  |

## Mercy Cooking

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Students prepare muffins which are suitable for breakfast or lunch snacks for the visitors to the West End Community House. West End Community House provides support to the local community, and their team is passionate about building community through connection, education, creativity, dreaming and action. Mercy Cooking is coordinated by one Home Ec teacher and one supervising staff member who assists. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 8 - 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Every 3rd Thursday, 3.15pm – 4.30pm, Loretto Kitchen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Maximum 15 students per group, 2 – 3 different groups per Term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Not offered in Semester 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 1.5 hours per session<br><i>Note: If students are sick, they may not participate on the day of cooking.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## Wellbeing Dog - Teddy

|                                  |                                                  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Caring for Teddy, the School's wellbeing dog     |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Year 8                                           |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Every Tuesday lunch time- Potter Library Level 2 |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | 8 students                                       |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Per Term                                         |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 minutes per session                           |

# Offsite Outreach

| Brisbane Central State School Tutoring |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b>       | <p>AHS students act as mentors to thriving and engaged BCSS students as they partake in an extension activity titled 'Genius Hour'. This activity involves students choosing a topic or subject of interest and working alongside AHS students to research and present their findings. AHS students aren't required to teach the students any particular topics, but engage in ways to help them ask questions, broaden their understanding, and how to research answers. As this project is across Two Terms, the students will be at different stages in the process throughout the visits.</p> <p><b>Students are responsible for arranging their own transport home either via a lift or public transport.</b></p> |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>                    | Years 9 & 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>              | Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm at Brisbane Central State School.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Group Size</b>                      | Approximately 7 students per group, with a new group engaging each term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>               | Weekly, ongoing, Term long engagement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>              | 1 hour per session.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Eddie's Van

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | <p>Working with the students from Terrace, the groups meet at Waterford Place on Tuesday mornings to help prepare breakfast items before going to the corner of Albert Street and Wickham Terrace to assist with the breakfast session and serving those in need. This is an opportunity for our students to engage with people who, for a variety of reasons, are homeless and who greatly appreciate the positive and genuine interactions when faced with so many challenges.</p> <p><b>Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring students arrive at the venue on time.</b></p> |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Year 11 & 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | <p>Every Tuesday morning, 6.15 am.</p> <p>Meeting at St Joseph's Gregory to prepare the breakfast items</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | <p>3 students with one reserve rostered per week.</p> <p>Total group pool of approximately 30 students per term</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Once off engagement within the Term                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | <p>1 hour 30 minutes per session</p> <p><i>Note: Must comply with hygiene practices when preparing food and maintain distancing when handing out food and engaging with participants.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## Jimmie's Van

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | <p>Each Wednesday morning, rostered students meet in Catherine Court at 6.15am with individually wrapped baked goods and take the items to Kemp Place Park.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for our students to engage with people who for a variety of reasons are experiencing homelessness, and who greatly appreciate the positive and genuine interactions when faced with so many challenges.</p> <p><b>Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring students arrive at school on time.</b></p> |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 10 - 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Wednesdays 6.15am – 7.30am, Kemp Place Park (opposite Fire Station)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | <p>3 students with one reserve rostered per week.</p> <p>Total group pool of approximately 30 students per term.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Once off engagement within the Term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | <p>1 hour 30 minutes per session</p> <p><i>Note: Must comply with hygiene practices when preparing food and maintain distancing when handing out food and engaging with participants.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Student2Student

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Students buddy up with young readers through The Smith Family. They read with their buddy to improve the young readers' reading skills. Readers read over the phone or online. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Year 11                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Any day after school or on the weekend at home                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | 15 students                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Each student engages 2-3 times per week for 18 weeks.                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40-60 minutes per week.                                                                                                                                                        |

## Villa Maria

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | <p>Students attend weekly visitations at Villa Maria Aged Care Hostel in The Valley. The group engages with different residents and their activities, and forms connection through conversations.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for an exchange of youth and age as students converse, play games and get involved in a variety of activities.</p> <p>Parents/guardians are responsible for transport home arrangements.</p> |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 9-12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm, Villa Maria Aged Care Hostel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | <p>Approximately 10 per week</p> <p>Two groups to cover the Term</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Weekly engagement for 3-5 weeks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 1 hour per session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Heritage & Liturgy

| Bell Ringing          |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Description & Purpose | Traditionally, Catholic Schools have stopped at Midday to pray the Angelus. While the school itself does not stop, we mark this time by ringing the Charles Borromeo Bell and the reading of the Angelus. |
| Year Level/s          | Years 10                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Day & Location        | Every day at 12pm, Charles Borromeo Bell, The Walk.                                                                                                                                                       |
| Group Size            | Two students per week, with two new students rostered every week.                                                                                                                                         |
| Commitment Length     | Each student engages every day for one week.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mercy Action Hours    | 10 minutes per day                                                                                                                                                                                        |



| Heritage Group                   |                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | AHS students support the work of the Archives Department in telling the story of the school.                                       |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 10 & 11                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Approximately 7 students per group, with a new group engaging each term.                                                           |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Weekly, ongoing, Term long engagement                                                                                              |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 40 min per session                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Induction</b>                 | Claire Easton                                                                                                                      |
| Liturgies                        |                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Description &amp; Purpose</b> | Students interested in liturgy planning, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers or anyone wishing to help, are welcome to join this group. |
| <b>Year Level/s</b>              | Years 7 – 12                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Day &amp; Location</b>        | On an as-needs basis.                                                                                                              |
| <b>Group Size</b>                | Approximately 25 students per Term. Students are put in a pool of Term based rosters and called upon as needed.                    |
| <b>Commitment Length</b>         | Once off or intermittent engagement.                                                                                               |
| <b>Mercy Action Hours</b>        | 30 minutes per engagement                                                                                                          |



547 Ann St, Brisbane Q 4000  
admin@ahs.qld.edu.au  
07 3831 3100

[www.ahs.qld.edu.au](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au)