

Community Service is...

Any service activity that is done in a student's spare time, which benefits the community they live in or individuals within that community may be counted towards an award. Service done within the school during lunch times will be considered for awards. In particular service activities should help to build just, inclusive, diverse and sustainable communities.

Activities that directly benefit the individual performing them, through remuneration or the acquisition of qualifications unrelated to service will not be counted as community service.. Activities that benefit family members is also not included.

The validity of doubtful activities will be considered by a Deacon Project committee, convened strictly for this purpose and to review the awarding of badges prior to the Celebration evening.

Coomera Anglican College is unconcerned about students "double dipping" or being recognised for the same service in other places.

Examples of service:

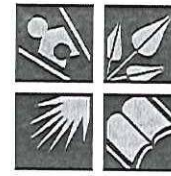
- Assisting at a nursing home or animal care centre.
- Working with international groups such as Amnesty International or Oxfam.
- Coaching a sport.
- Working with environmental groups or on clean up Australia Day.
- Collecting money for Red Cross or another charity group.

What is not community service.

- Work done around students own home.
- Any paid work.
- Homework
- Playing Sport

How will service be recorded?

Students will be given a recording sheet to fill out the number of hours they have done and signed by a supervisor. Once this booklet is full students should return it to their pastoral care teacher and receive another.



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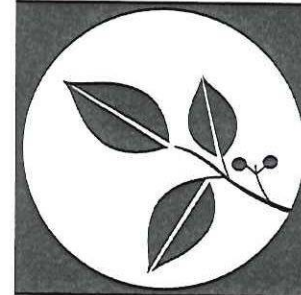


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Community Service Information

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A Rationale for Service

Why serve?

We are told to.

We are less if we don't.

We are blessed when we do.

We follow in the steps of Jesus.

Serving is learning how to be truly free.

It is a response of gratitude to our state of wealth and the overarching goodness of God.

Acts of service are central the call and witness of the Anglican Church. Service is a central element to the life of Coomera Anglican College, and the means through which we explore models of empowering leadership.

It is clear that a part of our commitment to the God of Jesus is to the service of the common good, and the giving of ourselves for the betterment of others. Serving others is about educating people to be better human beings and equip students to be better able to direct their gifts and abilities, if not to the glory of God, then in honouring the dignity of another human person and for the common good.

Community Service Awards

Coomera Anglican College seeks to recognise the work of students who seek to serve the community. This is done through a variety of certificates and badges awarded at assemblies and the celebration evening respectively.

Certificates

Three certificates are awarded:

Level 1: 10 hours of community service within a twelve month period.

Level 2 : 20 hours of community service within a twelve month period.

Level 3 : 35 hours of community service within a twelve month period.

Certificates are given during weekly assemblies as students meet the requirements for them. Service hours must be recorded on the sheet provided and handed to pastoral care teachers when full.

Badges

Three Badges are awarded:

Bronze: 50 hours of community service within a twelve-month period.

Silver: 100 hours of community service within a twelve-month period.
+ 500 words on "What I have learnt through serving about one of the following; iLR or Mind, Heart, Soul, Strength.

Gold: 150 hours of community service within a twelve month period
+ Contribute to the raising of awareness of a community service organisation or issue within the school or wider community in a visible way.
+ 500 written words on "What I have learnt through serving about building just, inclusive, sustainable and diverse communities.'

Those students who through regular and persistent service fulfil the requirement for a badge will receive it at the yearly celebration evening.

The service performed in any continuous 12 month period may count towards a certificate or badge. Students may not however count the same hours twice towards a badge.