

Spirit of giving this Christmas

By GERALDINE ALPHONSE

A generous feast, gifts and food hampers were taken to Emmaus Community on December 18 by St Norbert College staff to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

The 60 teachers involved visited the centre and personally delivered the gifts to more than 50 residents. Emmaus Community

founder Brother Al Archer said it was wonderful to see St Norbert College giving each year to Emmaus Community.

“The spirit of Christmas will be shared with over 70 men, women and children,” he said.

“Their generosity and love towards our community leaves me speechless and grateful.”

Mr Archer, 55 members

and their families celebrated a Christmas lunch at the centre on Christmas day.

“The importance of community shines around Christmas,” he said.

“Many people in western culture live in isolation and loneliness.

“Emmaus has proved over 22 years that community living is the way to alleviate these issues.”



St Norbert College staff Yazeena Mayne, Mathews Saji and Ms Melda Lim. Photograph — Richard Polden.



Armadale Senior High School students Tyson Williams and Connor Marriott with local artist Martin Jaine. Photograph — Aaron Van Rongen.

Trash becomes treasure

By CHLOE VELLINGA

A group of 10 boys have teamed up with a local artist to create a couple of masterpieces which will live on the school's Indigenous Garden.

Armadale Senior High School's Aboriginal and Islander education officer Barbara Hutchinson chose five indigenous boys who then selected a non-indigenous friend to take part in an activity alongside well-renowned artist Martin Jaine.

Together, the group collected a variety of recycled materials including bicycle chains, screwdrivers and horseshoes to create two unique benches for the school's garden.

Ms Hutchinson said the project was a good fit for the students and a great opportunity to learn some new practical

and team building skills. “Once I saw what Martin Jaine did and the great work he produced using recycled materials, I decided to investigate further,” she said.

“I wanted the boys to learn welding skills but also artistic and creative skills.

“One of the boys, who was especially interested in welding as a career, has been offered work experience as an outcome of this project.”

Each of the students created a unique Aboriginal symbol which was then incorporated into the final design of each bench seat.

The symbols included boomerangs, honey ants, emu and kangaroo prints and campsites and were all made out of scrap metal. The students are interested in continuing the project next year.

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