

Year 8 English

The Heroes Around Us

Community

“The people that I see as heroes across the state are the people who do work with the homeless and those less fortunate. The people who do this work might be in a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter or just volunteering to help others. I think that these people are true heroes because they are trying to make a difference in the world and give others a better chance at a happy healthy life. Another area that volunteers may also do work to help people may be with those who have experienced something like abuse, rape or a mental or physical illness. These volunteers, or even paid workers, show that there are still kind-hearted people in this world and provide hope. When we see somebody helping others it encourages us to do the same. I value the kind-hearted people in this state who do their best to make a difference. I believe that they are true heroes.”



“My heroes in the community are the paramedics. The paramedics help people who are sick, badly injured, driving them to hospitals or giving them medicine. Paramedics also need to manage situations when someone dies, which would be very tough to deal with. They need to keep any patients they are dealing with calm, and historically have had to deal with occasions where a patient has physically abused them. This would be upsetting. It also takes concentration and skills to get people into the vehicle and drive them to the hospital, despite all these stressful situations. The fact that they continue to show up for work and save people, after these events, shows their resilience. Paramedics are very courageous and brave.”

“The people that I see as heroes in our community are the police and paramedics. I believe that they are heroes because they do so much for the community. They help anybody who needs it, no matter what the situation is. They help people who have experiences with drugs, abuse and sometimes rape. I remember a few years ago when my dad slipped over and burst his head open on Christmas day. Two police cars, an ambulance and a paramedic arrived. The driveway was full of emergency service vehicles. My dad ended up having to get airlifted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. When all this was happening, I had to go and stay with my grandparents. It was really scary not knowing if he would be ok or what was going to happen. Luckily, he was alright and came home a few days later. I am very grateful that these emergency services were there to help, giving up their time with their own families on Christmas to come and help us. Their selflessness is why I believe what they are heroes in our community.”



Public Figures



“An Australian that I think is very heroic would be Bindi Irwin. I believe she is a hero because she and her family help protect wildlife by running a zoo that her dad (Steve Irwin) originally established before he sadly passed away in 2006. From a very young age she has been looking after wildlife and educating people about it. She even had her own show called “Bindi The Jungle Girl”, where she would talk about wildlife and teach kids about animals. Bindi in general also just seems like a kind, and loving person who cares about her family and all animals. It appears that she would be willing to help no matter what. I admire her courage.”

“Elton John has been an influence on me for a while now. His music has always made me happy even ‘the sad songs’ [pun intended]. He has had an impact with his career spanning over 50 years now. He had a sad childhood and was pretty depressed for a while, but Elton still managed to become very well-known celebrity! Elton John has done many things to help the world with support of a wide range of charities for AIDS, equal rights, animals and education. He has mainly worked with AIDS charities because many of his friends had sadly passed away from this disease. Elton has also supported charities helping cure Diabetes and improving animal lives. In my book, Elton John is a good person and displays the exceptional qualities that we see in heroes.”



Family and Friends

“My family hero is my dad because he does everything for our family. Dad provides his kids with food, bedrooms, a roof over our heads, and opportunities to do things our way in life. Dad has spent a lot of money on us for things that we like and need. Dad has taught me how to play basketball, taught me footy and things I need to know about life. My dad is my hero because he is a local legend. I have heard great things about him from other people, and been told of all the achievements throughout his life.”



“My mum is my hero because she puts people before herself and makes sure everyone around her is happy. When I or my siblings are upset, she makes sure to cheer us up with her smile. Mum is a funny person and a good person to be around. She tells us lots of jokes which make everyone laugh. Mum is very supportive when we need it. She makes sure we have a roof over our head, and regular meals every day. Mum also tries her best to make sure we get some of the stuff we want. She helps us to survive the challenges of life every day. Mum is my hero because she has helped with a lot of stuff when I couldn’t have done it by myself.”

“My hero in my family is my little brother. He is my hero because he changed the way I view life and the world today. He was different, and in and out of hospital but through all that he was always happy and never failed to make everyone smile. He made me realise that even in the toughest of times it’s your choice whether you smile and try and be positive or think negative. I always try and think positive for him and smile as much as he did. That’s why my little brother is my hero.”



School Community

“My hero at Korumburra Secondary College is Ms Dauphin. Every day she runs the school and make changes, putting in ideas to benefit how the school operates. Ms Dauphin also manages the school’s money that goes to countless expenses and projects. She attends innumerable meetings and has designed new buildings for the school. Ms Dauphin needs to appear at school events. Besides these things she still finds the time to meet with other schools and talk to the community. She also still finds the time to do yard duty and teach her year 7 class. Ms Dauphin is obviously organised, talented and very skilful at her job – which impacts on all of us.”



“Someone from the school who I think is the most heroic is the school nurse. I think the school nurse is heroic because if someone doesn’t feel well, or gets injured she will find a way to help them, whoever they may be. And even just to be a nurse you would have to have a lot of heroic qualities such as kindness, patience, being organised and selfless. You would have to deal with people that are sometimes really badly injured and even if she herself can’t help them, she will always find someone that will be able to. There would be lots of annoying things like crying students or vomit to deal with, and she takes it all in a day’s work. Our school nurse is amazing.”



“My school community heroes are the Canteen people. They are my hero’s because they give people food when they are hungry. The food is always ready on time at recess and lunch time, with such a great variety of choices. They are always nice when I go there to get something to eat. If they weren’t there, my life would just be vegemite sandwiches. I am super grateful for what they do to make my day better, and it is awesome to have a hot lunch.”

