

# VINNIES SLEEPOUT



## 2016 MFGSC Vinnies School Sleepout was a great success

There are currently 105,237 people in Australia who are homeless. That equates to 1 in 200 people. This is happening all around us. In a school full of young people, homelessness is as an important topic as any other. There are many factors that contribute to homelessness, some of which include financial stress, loss of job, death in the family, injury, drug and alcohol abuse and a major one is mental illness. These are things that affect us all.

This is why the leadership team decided this year to host a Vinnies School Sleepout! This event is held all across Australia in schools that wish to participate.

This year, our goal was to raise \$500 and have 30 girls sign up. We are very happy to say we've exceeded that goal.

In 2016, Matthew Flinders Girls Sleep Out brought 45 girls from all year levels together, and raised \$867.50 This is a fabulous figure for us, as youth homelessness affects us all and we have such a great opportunity to work together to make a change!

This night wasn't only successful for the amount we raised, but also the awareness we have raised in the young girls around us.

These are the girls who are capable of making change in the coming years.

The leadership team is very proud of their achievements and the success of the 2016 Sleepout.

We would like to thank every one who participated in the night. We would also like to thank all of the teachers who came along, as it wouldn't have been possible without their help.

We would love for Vinnies School Sleepout to be an annual thing at Matthew Flinders, because together we can support each other and the community around us.

