



MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

R-12

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YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER
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From the Principal

Dear Families

End of Year Celebrations

It is important to take time to celebrate achievements and key moments in life. In schools we are fortunate to be able to recognise and celebrate with students and families key events in our students lives. Recent celebrations include the Year 12 Graduation Dinner, Primary End of Year Concert, Year 9 transition into senior secondary and commencing their SACE, Secondary Presentation Evening (tonight) and next week the Year 6 Transition Breakfast and Mass as our Year 6 students are ready to move from the Primary Campus to the Secondary Campus.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 students have gained valuable experience sitting end of year exams. Our Year 9 students have celebrated the Homecoming as part of their Rite Journey and our Year 8 students have begun the journey with their Calling Day. We have also

welcomed the primary students and their parents, who will be joining us next year.

Graduation Celebrations

Last Friday evening we had a wonderful celebration with the Year 12 students and their families at the Year 12 Graduation Dinner. We are so proud of their achievements and look forward to their efforts being reflected in their SACE results which will be released on Monday 16 December.

Next week we look forward to celebrating with our Year 6 students the successful completion of their primary school years as they transition to our Secondary campus next year. We will share a breakfast and then students and families will come together for mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

2024 – Another Year of Growth

This year we have continued to

grow as a College – in terms of enrolment numbers, facilities and opportunities for students. We do not want to become a super school in terms of size but we continue to strive to be a school of excellence. After another full year of opportunity and activities, we have so much for which to be grateful.

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Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2024

- 6 Year 7-9 Activities Day (Early Dismissal 2.30pm)
- 6 Year 7-9 End of Term
- 9 Primary Campus Assembly 9am (Year 6 hosting)
- 10 Year 6 Breakfast (9.15am-11am)
- 10 Year 6 Graduation Mass & Certificate Presentation 11.30am
- 10 R-6 Term 4 Concludes (3pm)

Further dates are available from our website at www.mcc.catholic.edu.au

2024 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 29 Jan - 12 Apr

Term 2: 30 Apr - 5 Jul

Term 3: 22 Jul - 27 Sep

Term 4: 14 Oct - 10 Dec



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Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the **Absentee Line on 0438 368 846 (SMS) or phoning (08) 8447 0500**. You will need to state the following:

NAME OF CHILD, YEAR LEVEL, REASON FOR ABSENCE eg *If late approximately what time will your child arrive etc.*

A medical certificate is required if a student is away for more than 3 days. For any planned extended absence, a letter to the Principal is required to explain circumstances.

For any planned extended absence, state government legislation requires a parent to send a letter or email to the Principal, via registrar@mcc.catholic.edu.au seeking permission to be absent from school.

From the Principal Continued...



Staff News

We wish the following secondary staff well as they move on to other roles next year: Karina Carabelas, Sophie Economos, Jed Lovelock, Nicola Stewart and Emma Westwood.

On our primary campus we thank the following for their service as they move to new roles next year: Michaela Gauci, Mya Giancaspro, Pat Nicou, Mirachel Rabusic, Jane Stephens and Luke Teakle.

At the end of this year we will be farewelling two Secondary Campus staff members who are retiring. Firstly, we congratulate Mrs Angela Coleman who first began teaching in May 2005 at Mount Carmel College. Angela has been an excellent teacher and also a very valued student counsellor. We wish Angela all the best in retirement.

Also retiring is Mrs Karma Agostinnetto. Karma has been an

outstanding teacher and leader in her amazing career at Mount Carmel College, spanning 39 years with us. Karma has fulfilled many roles including Year Level Coordinator, Learning Area Coordinator and Librarian but it has been in her most recent role as Director of Inclusion that Karma has made such an enormous difference to so many students. Karma is an expert in the field of inclusion and the provision of fairness and equity in the education opportunities for all students, and especially for those with a disability. We will miss Karma so much but know that your work has had such an enormous impact on so many students. Thank you.

Have a Safe Christmas

We look forward to seeing you all back next year. I hope that all of our students, families and staff have a wonderful Christmas and holiday break. The birth of Jesus brought joy and hope to the world, and we are all called to also bring joy and hope to our world.

Be a person of hope to others.

John Konopka
Principal

Congratulations to Danielle Smith-Sparrow

Congratulations to Old Scholar, Danielle Smith-Sparrow (MCC Year 12, 2018) on her Graduation for her Medical Degree. We are very proud of you and know you will make a great Doctor.



MMK Centre Celebrating Global Achievement



As the Inclusion teacher at Mount Carmel College, I am thrilled to share some exciting news about our SACE Modified students' recent achievement. Our class has contributed to MCC receiving the prestigious Gold Award at the 17th ASEF ClassNet Conference 2024 through a unique project that connected us with schools in Austria and Singapore.

The "Climate Alliance" project emerged from Ms. Hang Ngo's participation in ASEF ClassNet program involving 8 months of Online Learning, International Collaborating, Innovative Teaching Proposal, and On-site reporting. The implementation of the project is our unit about air quality and asthma - topics that directly affect several of our students. Over four weeks, our students created personal stories, songs, and digital postcards exploring how climate change impacts their daily lives. What made this project special

was the use of AI tools to help our students express themselves in new and creative ways.

Hunter and Quan, for example, wrote two thoughtful songs about climate change's effects on breathing. Max used AI tools to transform his powerful message "Go Away Asthma" into an impactful multimedia presentation. Hannah worked with an AI-generated dog named Bolt to share her story through a creative postcard format.

Our international partners - students from International Highschool Herzogberg (Austria) and St Andrew's Secondary School (Singapore) - responded enthusiastically to our students' works through their shared platform. This global connection helped our students understand how climate change affects different parts of the world while giving them confidence in sharing their own experiences.

What truly stands out is how this project allowed our MacKillop students to overcome their usual literacy challenges. Using AI tools like ChatGPT, Magic School AI (for image generator and writing support), Suno (for music creation), and Canva (for artwork), they found new ways to express their thoughts and participate in global discussions about important issues.



The teaching resources we developed have been selected as exemplars by the Asia-Europe Foundation and will be shared with schools worldwide. You can view these resources at: <https://sites.google.com/view/asefedu-test/home>

This achievement reflects our school's leadership support for using technology in empowering education, our Centre's commitment to innovative, inclusive education. More importantly, it shows what our students can achieve when given the right tools and support to express themselves.

I'm incredibly proud of our students' work and growth throughout this project. They've shown that everyone's voice matters in the global conversation about climate change, regardless of their learning challenges.

For more information about the project, please contact Ms Hang Ngo at hang.ngo@mcc.catholic.edu.au

Hang Ngo
English & HASS Teacher



Tennis Fun for MMK Centre Students



Our students at Mary MacKillop Centre enjoyed a fantastic day at the SA Tennis Carnival with the combination of tennis, team game, fun, and community connection on 25 November. The event was organised by School Sports SA, with the support of Tennis Association SA, attracting students from Inclusion Units at various schools in SA. It brought students together on the sunny tennis courts where they participated in various tennis activities and skill-building exercises.

Students had the opportunity to practice their serves, volleys, and tennis techniques with supportive instructors. From easy and fun activity with the inflatable target game, to the technical sections with instructors from Tennis Association SA, students were engaging enthusiastically with rackets in hands and smiles on their faces. Toward the end of the day, they had a chance to do crossed school games with students from other school.

Beyond just tennis skills, the carnival promoted social interaction and teamwork. Students worked together, supported each other, and enjoyed the community atmosphere. Some students were even seen taking notes and actively participating in the learning process.

The carnival proved to be an excellent opportunity for our students to stay active, develop new skills, and connect with others in an inclusive and encouraging environment.

Special thanks to School Sports SA, all the staff and instructors who made this wonderful day possible. Let's enjoy the day with us by looking at the beaming faces in our photos!

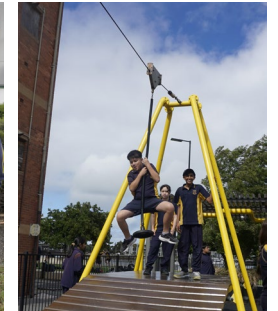
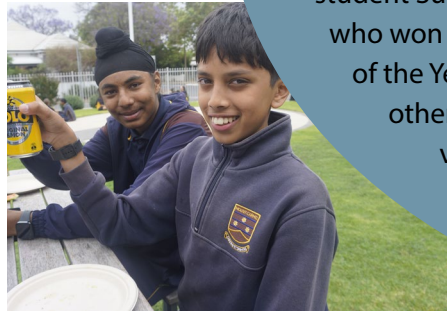
*Emma Westwood & Hang Ngo
Inclusion Teachers*



Year 8 Rite Journey

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Year 8 student Sukhman Sandhu who won 'Year 8 Debater of the Year' against 200 other students from various schools.



Year 12 Graduation Dinner



Year 12 Graduation Dinner Continued...



Year 12 Graduation Dinner Continued...





Fee Schedule 2025

The fees for 2025 continue to represent a simple and affordable process making a Mount Carmel College education accessible to all families regardless of income level.

The fees for 2025 remain unchanged from last year. The College Board also approved the following:

- Compulsory curriculum-based activities (such as camps) do not incur any further fees
- Sibling discounts at Mount Carmel College are: second student at the College 20% discount, third 40%, fourth 60% and 100% for any further siblings
- **Tier 2 is a discounted school fee schedule for families who qualify for School Card**
- The Acceptance of Offer fee for Tier 1 is \$200.00 with \$150.00 credited to your account once the student commences. Tier 2 Acceptance Fee is \$50.00 (non-refundable)
- If you are not eligible for any other discounts and you currently have a child enrolled in a Catholic Primary School (excluding Mount Carmel College Primary Campus students), you may request for the Catholic Primary Sibling Discount (CPS) be applied to your tuition fees as per our Fee Schedule

Important additional information is provided further in this Fee Schedule regarding discounts, fee remission, processes and forms required to be completed and lodged.

The following is the fee schedule for Australian residents and those students who attract state and federal government funding. Please see later for the fee schedule for other students.

COLLEGE FEES 2025		
Year Level	Tier 1 (Standard Fees)	Tier 2 (School Card Fees)
Reception - Year 6	\$2,200	\$1,320
Year 7	\$2,880	\$1,728
Year 8	\$4,170	\$2,502
Year 9	\$4,470	\$2,682
Year 10	\$4,950	\$2,970
Year 11	\$5,550	\$3,330
Year 12	\$5,550	\$3,330

We understand that at times, some families may struggle to make regular payments on time and in these cases, the College is happy to discuss how we can best assist to make the payment of fees easier in accordance with the College Fees Procedures, available on our website. Families who are having financial difficulty in paying the College fees are asked to contact the College finance office to discuss their situation.

Donations to the Mount Carmel College Building Fund are voluntary and tax deductible. This fund assists the College in the significant capital works that are being undertaken. Please contact the College Accountant for more information.

SUMMARY OF FEES PAYMENT PROCESS

- Payment Plan Agreement Forms are available on our website and sent out in Term 1 2025. All Parents/Guardians are to ensure they have returned their form by 28 February 2025.
- Fee Statements and the full year accounts are sent to families in February.
- Instalments will be payable by week 4 of Terms 1, 2 and 3 unless an alternative payment agreement is in place.

R-6 Primary Campus
17 Pennington Terrace, Pennington
Phone: 8447 0500

7-12 Secondary Campus
33 Newcastle Street, Rosewater
Phone: 8447 0500



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Email: info@wtc.sa.edu.au
Website: www.wtc.sa.edu.au

Website: www.mcc.catholic.edu.au | Email: mcc@mcc.catholic.edu.au

- Overdue fees, unless under a written payment agreement with the College, will be referred to the Debt Collection agency. Costs associated with the collection of outstanding fees will be the responsibility of the individual family and will be added to the family account.

Refugee Students: Those students who meet the criteria for refugee status (new arrivals less than 5 years and School Card eligible) will be required to pay only \$500.00 in their first year toward their fees, and must meet the Fee Schedule each year thereafter.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Families are encouraged to make regular payment of accounts to assist them in meeting their financial commitments.

Payment is required for each term commenced and fees may be paid either:

- Weekly over 40 school weeks - Fortnightly over 40 school weeks
- Monthly over 10 months from February to November
- Up front by 31 March for the full year
- In 3 instalments by week 4 of Terms 1, 2 & 3 Payments can be made through the College Offices.

Please note: If you use BPAY, the transaction will appear on your bank statement with the reference CCES (Catholic Church Endowment Society). Please see the College Accountant if you would like to arrange payments using FAT ZEBRA (Credit Card regular payment scheme), Direct Debit, BPAY, Credit Card (irregular), Centrepay, EFTPOS or Cash.

All regular payment plans must be sufficient to ensure full payment of the account by the end of November. The College Accountant can advise families of the amount necessary to meet this commitment. Families falling outside of an agreed payment plan may be referred to our preferred collection agency (see under 'Debt Collection' below).

If parents/guardians choose to withdraw their child from the College, one term's notice is required, otherwise the parents/guardians are liable for one term's fee. For a copy of College Fees Policies and Procedures or this Fees Schedule, please visit our website at: www.mcc.catholic.edu.au

Early Payment: Families choosing to pay all fees in total by the 31 March will receive a 5.0% discount off their fees where no other discounts apply (exception on sibling discount).

Discounts: Sibling discounts apply to second sibling enrolled at the College 20%, third 40%, fourth 60% and 100% for any further siblings. Those families with children at another Catholic primary schools (excluding Mount Carmel College Primary Campus students) will receive a 10% discount (CPS) off the fees off their eldest child enrolled where no other discounts apply (except on a sibling discount). CPS discounts will only be applied to your account on receipt of a completed form, which is available on the College website: www.mcc.catholic.edu.au and must be received by 31 March each year your child is enrolled at another Catholic Primary School.

Special Cases: Special cases will be treated on an individual basis and are reviewed annually. Please contact the Business Manager or Principal to discuss options that may be available.

School Card: Families eligible for School Card will receive a 40% discount off fees (Tier 2). Families need to apply each year for School Card discount to ensure eligibility. The College Accountant can assist you with this. Forms are available from the Accountant or our website at www.mcc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/fees-and-stationery.

COLLECTION OF FEES

Responsibility: Liability for payment of accounts rests jointly and severally with the person(s) signing the Mount Carmel College enrolment form. If both parents have signed the enrolment form, one parent cannot remove themselves from the enrolment contract without written consent from the College and the other enrolling parent.

Further Action: Any debt collection costs incurred by the College to recover outstanding fees will be charged to your account.

ENROLMENT FEES

Acceptance Fee of \$200.00 is required when accepting an offer of enrolment with the College. \$150.00 will be refunded and credited to your family account once the student commences their enrolment at the College. School Card families are required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable Acceptance Fee upon receipt of a copy of your Centrelink Concession Card, which must have listed the enrolling child's name.

OTHER FEES AND CHARGES

Charges apply for the following optional activities or events including but not limited to After School Sport, chess, choir, Year 12 Graduation, Senior Formal, Pedal Prix, Josephite Exchange and Overseas Study Tours.

Some of these events and activities will be subject to the students and families meeting certain criteria including behavioural, academic and meet the full financial commitment of the College within the current year.

Payment in full and permission forms are to be received by the College prior to the deadline to ensure the viability of the event. Where an event or activity does not go ahead refunds will be credited to family accounts. Please note that for some of the above events and activities we require you to make a payment using Qkr. If you have not already downloaded this application please go to www.mcc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/fees-and-stationery

OSHC & VACATION CARE

The following payment options are available:

QKR

BPAY

Please use SPIKE program generated BPAY reference number and not your school fees BPAY reference number. First prefix numbers are 9069.

EFT

Please ensure you clearly state as the reference to appear on our bank statement is your Family name and "OSHC". If OSHC is not stated, payment will be automatically applied to your school fees account.

EFTPOS/CREDIT CARD

Payments can be made direct to OSHC Director's office.

For further information regarding OSHC & Vacation Care please access the following link to our website:

<https://www.mcc.catholic.edu.au/primary-campus/out-of-school-hours-care-oshc>

VET

Western Technical College

VET Courses at the **Western Technical College** are set at the following rates:

- Certificate courses \$200.00 (with \$100.00 subsidy on successful completion)
- Introductory courses \$300.00 (with \$100.00 subsidy on successful completion)
- Try-a-Trade Courses \$50.00 (VET subsidy not applicable).

Other registered training providers

Students studying VET subjects with other organisations will be required to pay the course fees as set by the registered training provider. Tax Invoice is issued upon time of payment and receipt offset accordingly. On successful completion of the VET course, Mount Carmel College will provide a subsidy of 50% of the fees (to a max \$225.00) per semester to applicable courses.

All VET courses are to be paid prior to commencement of the course to confirm enrolment.

Stationery

Stationery purchases are handled by Lighthouse Books and Office Supplies. Stationery lists are prepared in consultation with Year Level Coordinators and Learning Area Coordinators to meet specific requirements. Visit the website at www.lighthousebooks.com.au

Ambulance Cover

Ambulance cover is provided for school based activities and does not cover pre-existing illness or illness related transport.

Other Charges

Replacement Student ID Card	\$10.00
Diary replacement	\$15.00 (on approval of Deputy Principal)

CONTACT US

The College encourages families to contact the Business Manager or College Accountant with any concerns that may be foreseen with meeting your financial commitment to Mount Carmel College.

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SCHOOL FEES FOR STUDENTS ON VISA

Catholic Education SA (CESA) allows non-CRICOS registered schools such as Mount Carmel College to enrol the dependents (the children, not the Main Applicant) of Overseas Students on a Student Visa Subclass 500 (ie 500, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575 etc).

Where the visa means that the school is unable to claim state and federal funding for the student, a separate fee schedule is applied.

Year Level	Fees for students on a visa not attracting government funding
Reception - Year 6	\$4,200
Year 7	\$4,880
Year 8	\$6,170
Year 9	\$6,470
Year 10	\$6,950
Year 11	\$7,550
Year 12	\$7,550

- a) This amount is payable in four equal amounts, in advance, before the start of each school term.
- b) The program fee does not cover optional activities.



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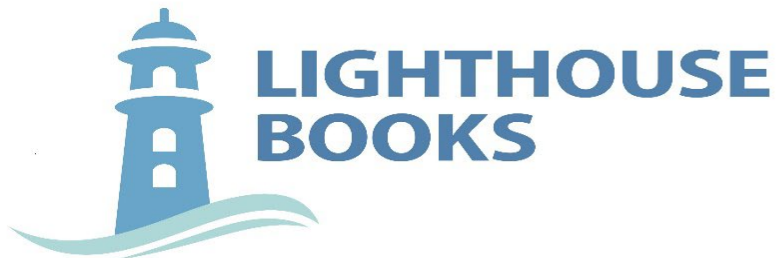
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Booklist information for parents from Lighthouse Books.

2025 sees the introduction of a new online ordering website. Online ordering is now available.

[Go to www.lighthousebooks.com.au](http://www.lighthousebooks.com.au)

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

We require *all* visitors to this site to create an account. This will become the main account. When you receive notification that your account has been created you may “Login” to place student orders.

Using the email and password you used to create your account – “Login”

1. Enter the **Student First Name** and **Student Last Name**.
2. Select the **School** and **Year Level in 2025**.
3. A list of subjects will appear. Please tick the appropriate subjects.
"Create order"
4. You will be required to select the items by toggling the "-" or "+" signs to add to the cart. Compulsory items will automatically add to your cart and cannot be changed. **"Checkout"**
5. Please complete the contact details and find an order summary on this page, which can be edited.
"Continue"
6. Select the method of payment. **"Continue"**
Credit card online will see the order move directly through to the queue.
Bpay payments will need to reconcile to the account before moving through to the queue.
7. You will be asked to **"Confirm Order"**
8. If you have chosen Bpay your **Biller Code** and **Customer Reference Number** will be displayed.
(New in 2025)
9. You will received an **"Order Confirmation"** email.

PLEASE ORDER CAREFULLY AND ACCURATELY AS STATIONERY IS NOT REFUNDABLE.

Some items may have been marked compulsory by your school and will automatically load to your shopping basket.

Orders lodged and paid for from early November 2024 will be delivered to your nominated address during December and January 2025.

Please note: Prices are an indication only at time of printing and may be subject to change.

PAYMENT OPTIONS AND FEES

Payment can be made by credit card at the time of placing your order (1.5% card fee will apply).

Bpay option is available. Please use Biller Code and Reference Number as detailed on your invoice.

No other payment options are available. An administration fee of \$15.95 will be charged to each order at the time of ordering. This is not a delivery fee.

UNPAID ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

LATE ORDERS

Orders received after 15th December 2024 will be charged \$12.95 additional service fee to cover the cost of additional ordering, packaging and distribution during this peak period.

This fee does not guarantee your order will be delivered prior to start of Term 1 2025.

[All booklists enquiries should be directed to Lighthouse Books - booklist@lighthousebooks.com.au](mailto:booklist@lighthousebooks.com.au)

Community Noticeboard



Give the greatest gift of all: the gift of life!

Did you know that this Summer, whilst you are enjoying a Christmas party with family and friends, or a round of cricket at the beach, every 18 seconds, a blood donation will be needed in Australia?

The need for blood and plasma doesn't get to take a break. Please consider booking in to give blood or plasma donation these holidays and give a gift that is life-changing.

Your blood or plasma donation could be the gift of life to someone going through cancer treatment; or to help

someone else to get through a difficult childbirth; and or even to someone to help manage their immune disease.

In fact, there are thousands of people across Australia who will be getting together with their family, friends and community this festive season all thanks to donated blood — and blood donors.

There's still time to give the Gift of Life.

Whether it's your first time or 101st time, it's always a gift at the top of someone's wish list.

When you give blood this season, you'll score a festive limited-edition bandage. It's Lifeblood's little way of saying thank you.

The **Port Adelaide Donor Centre** is located at 95 St Vincent Street, and is open across the festive season, including Christmas and New Years Days. The need for blood doesn't get to take a holiday.

To give the gift of life, either call **13 14 95**, visit www.lifeblood.com.au or download the 'DonateBlood' app.

ALBERT PARK / PENNINGTON CATHOLIC PARISH



Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24th December 2024

St Mary's Church, Port Adelaide
Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pennington
Vigil Mass 8.30 pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Albert Park
Vigil Mass 7.00 pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25th December 2024

Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Church, Pennington
Mass 9.00 am

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Albert Park
Mass 10.30 am

Hutt St Centre

You can help. Donate here: <https://www.huttstcentre.org.au/donate?amt=30>

Who are Hutt St Centre?

Hutt St Centre is a community of Hope and opportunity. By helping people that face the difficulties of homelessness and to help them rebuild their lives without judgement. Every year Hutt St Centre serves around 40,000 meals & offers social work and support to services to 2,000 people. Showers, laundry services, visiting health professionals, aged city living program for our older clients, recreation activities and education and training, legal aid assistance with finding housing are all services provided to 200 people experiencing homelessness.

Why should you help?

By donating you're giving someone a better opportunity of rebuilding their life, helping them get off the streets into a home with supplies.

Don't assume it's their fault they're out on the streets.

Never judge a book by it's cover.



- \$30** Hot breakfast & lunch for two weeks for a person doing it tough.
- \$50** A hot shower, laundry service and a locker for 3 months for a person sleeping rough.
- \$100** A 'home starter pack' for a couple moving from street to home.
- \$250** Safe, emergency accommodation for a family in crisis for two nights.
- \$350** Be an Angel - provide meals for a day for 200 people experiencing homelessness.