



Quakers Hill High School In the Media 2009



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High moral ground



Quakers Hill High School students are conducting a Christmas hamper drive.

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STUDENTS at Quakers Hill High School want to help those in need when it matters most.

More than 1000 students are expected to join a Christmas hamper drive, to donate items to St Vincent De Paul's stores across the Blacktown area.

In four weeks, 30 team leaders and teacher Melissa Lachevre set out to have enough goods for 12 large hampers worth of goods.

But with one week to go they are confident of getting more than that.

"I think we can easily

make it up to 16," Ms Lachevre said.

"Seeing the students come together for this worthwhile cause is extremely rewarding and it's good to see them rising to the challenge of helping others around them."

Students have contributed primarily dinner and dessert-based goods.

Kaitlyn Dwyer, 14, said it was great to be involved in the event to help other people in need.

"It's good to encourage kids our age to give to the less fortunate and get into the habit, so that as we get older, our generation will

give and help others freely," she said.

Fellow student Puja Thapa, 14, believed the timing of the hamper drive was appropriate with Christmas just around the corner.

"I believe this drive is very necessary in difficult financial times like this in which people are losing homes, jobs, and basically are going through a rough time. Nothing is worse than not having enough to eat on Christmas eve."



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