

# College gets crafty for winter appeal



**CHIPPING IN:** Mercedes College students Hugh, Eloise, Julia and Sarah, all 16, with some of their knitted creations.

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ST VINCENT de Paul Society can expect more than just monetary donations from the students at Mercedes College over the next month.

The college has launched its month-long St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal during a cross-country run and walk fundraiser.

Students donated money to enter the event.

Until June 28, the students also will collect blankets, warm clothing, toiletries and non-perishable food items to donate to the charity.

They even have a school group dubbed the Knifty Knitters - founded last year by students Madeline Coats and Julia Saracini - that dedicates its lunch breaks to knitting scarves and blankets to add to the charity collection.

"The value of these activities lies not only in the contributions students make but also in the increased level of understanding and responsibility that it develops in the students," Mercedes College principal Peter Daw said.