

House Service Organisations 2025

Service learning, when done effectively, can allow us to learn about civic responsibility. Through serving others, we can connect meaningfully with our community to discover purpose, develop empathy, learn new skills and improve our self-confidence.

An important role of the House Officers each year is to select a service organisation with which their House will engage throughout the course of the year. Each House member is then provided with opportunities to connect with the charity and have exposure to the various ways in which they can serve others. Students will be guided and encouraged by their House Officers during pastoral sessions to participate in various activities to learn about and support their focus charity. Additionally, each House has been allocated a specific day in the school calendar to raise funds for their selected charity.

With the introduction of four new Houses this year, there is even more opportunity to actively participate in these service-learning opportunities. It gives me great pleasure to share the overviews of each of their chosen charities for 2025, written by the Year 11 House Officers.

Mrs Sharna Kershaw

Acting Dean of Community Learning

Cambridge House: The Pyjama Foundation

This year, Cambridge has chosen to support The Pyjama Foundation, an Australian-based charity that aims to break the cycle of disadvantage experienced by children in foster care. Their 'Love of Learning' program pairs children with volunteers, known as 'Pyjama Angels', who visit foster homes weekly to help with reading, writing and life skills. By fostering a love for learning in a stable and nurturing environment, The Pyjama Foundation is committed to creating positive relationships for every Australian child in foster care.



We are excited to support this incredible cause and help make a positive impact on the lives of Australian children through our fundraising activities.

If you would like to learn more about The Pyjama Foundation, visit www.thepyjamafoundation.com.

Cambridge House Officers: Annabelle Allen, Mia Pertsinidis, Eloise Dargan, Angelin Chen and Zara Naidoo

Cumberland House: Supertee

Cumberland is pleased to announce our 2025 charity: Supertee. Founded by Jason Sotiris and inspired by his daughter's journey through cancer, Supertee is a charity that aims to help bring strength to sick children through imagination.



The Supertee is a medical garment that inspires imagination with the power to support countless children. They collaborate with popular superheroes to design and make hero-inspired functional garments which are unobstructive to medical lines while bringing comfort and courage to children who need it most.

Supertee has already helped over 25,000 kids recognise themselves as the heroes they are, and we hope Cumberland can continue a movement of imagination and courage.

If you're interested in learning more or supporting Supertee, please visit www.supertee.org.au.

Cumberland House Officers: Sienna Liu, Chloe Weng, Lexi Modena, Keira Waked and Alina Lin

Durham House: Eyes of Hope

This year, Durham will be supporting Eyes of Hope, which helps bring the gift of sight to visually impaired individuals experiencing homelessness across NSW. The charity aims to support individuals with various visual eye conditions and provides essential eye care services, with the goal to improve quality of life and prevent vision impairment.



Their primary goal is not just to aid individuals with visual conditions, but to also empower individuals to move towards a better future, ultimately promoting their access to employment and ability to manage daily tasks independently.

We are very proud to stand alongside Eyes of Hope in their journey to bring light and clarity to those in need, and we eagerly await our collaboration this year to bring positive change!

For more information about the work the charity undertakes, head to www.eyesofhope.org.au.

Durham House Officers: Samantha Pei, Corrine Xu, Larissa Govender, Reshmi Ramana and Juliana Messih

Kent House: Human Nature

Kent House is thrilled to support Human Nature this year, a not-for-profit focused on outdoor-based mental health support for youth aged 14 to 18 years in the far North Coast of New South Wales. Their core mission is founded on the belief in nature's transformative ability to enhance resilience and emotional wellbeing. Offering a variety of innovative programs including hiking, camping and surf therapy, Human Nature equips young individuals with coping strategies, helping to build self-confidence, and encouraging reconnection with themselves and their surroundings within a safe and nurturing environment.



Founded by psychologist Andy Hamilton, Human Nature has supported hundreds of young people across the region, offering them a unique and holistic pathway to healing and personal growth. We are honoured to support this vital mission and look forward to collaborating with Human Nature to advance their initiatives contributing to the resilience of young people in our community.

If you would like to learn more about the work Human Nature is doing, visit their website at <https://humannature.org.au>.

Kent House Officers: Analise Nguyen, Dahlia Toovey, Madeleine Lee, Qianqi (Christina) Zhou and Abigail Chan

Lincoln House: Kids are Kids!

In 2025, Lincoln will be supporting the Kids Are Kids Therapy and Education Centre. This is an organisation with in-person centres located in Western Australia. Kids are Kids encourages understanding and embraces neuro-diversities and disabilities. It works to provide therapeutic support for children with all levels of developmental disability or delay.



Kids are Kids provides assessment and support for children from 0 to 18 years of age, who are experiencing difficulty in learning, communication, behaviour, movement, health and development in a variety of ways. Some of the opportunities offered include occupational therapy, speech pathology, physiotherapy and psychology. These are provided in different settings, such as individually, within a group, or even within school.

If you would like to learn more about Kids are Kids, visit www.kidsarekids.org.au.

Lincoln House Officers: Elissa Freney, Juliette Owen, Audrey Mak, Sophia Wong and Elyssa Ghaly

Norfolk House: Shining Stars Foundation

This year, Norfolk will be supporting the Shining Stars Foundation. This charity is dedicated to helping homeless people, those less fortunate and people with disabilities in the Macarthur and Liverpool area. They are entirely volunteer-run and operate several mobile outreach services which provide essential items such as hot meals, food hampers and emergency supplies to those in need. Their program also extends to individuals and families facing domestic violence, mental health struggles, drugs and alcohol addiction. The Shining Stars Foundation partners with several local businesses and organisations such as NSW Ambulance, all operating under their motto: "Together we make a difference".



If you would like to learn more about the Shining Stars Foundation, visit: www.shiningstarsfoundation.org.au.

Norfolk House Officers: Kaitlyn Blair, Danielle Gallico, Anjali Popuri, Jazara Navaratnam and Diya Maninathan

Oxford House: The Kids' Cancer Project

In 2025, Oxford will be supporting The Kids' Cancer Project. This not-for-profit organisation is aimed at funding scientific research for children with cancer, collaborating with scientists to make new discoveries, pioneer medical research and advance treatments.



The Kids' Cancer Project has created childhood opportunities for almost 40 years, focusing not only on healthcare, but also on life after treatment. Their lasting vision is to see 100% of children, adolescents and young adults survive cancer and live with no long-term implications caused by treatment. This links to their slogan, "Survival Starts With Science". Additionally, since 2009, The Kids' Cancer Project Bear Program has been donating bears to children in hospitals, with the aim to make hospitals a less confronting environment.

Oxford is thrilled to be supporting The Kids' Cancer Project!

Please learn more about this organisation: www.thekidscancerproject.org.au.

Oxford House Officers: Cynthia Yao, Zoe Leon, Lily Johnson, Abby Xu and Abigail Sidhom

Sussex House: The Royal Far West

The Royal Far West, established in 1924, is proud to be Australia's first and only nation-wide charity dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of all children living in rural and remote Australia. Their mission is to ensure that children across the country have access to the care they need to reach their full potential. With a dedicated team of over 140 paediatric clinicians, they offer a wide range of services in health, education and disability support. The Royal Far West provides both online and in-person health services to enhance their accessibility and to ensure every child, regardless of their location, can receive quality physical and mental healthcare.



Sussex is very excited to be supporting this charity throughout this year and we look forward to making quality healthcare more accessible to everyone.

If you would like to learn more about the Royal Far West, visit www.royalfarwest.org.au.

Sussex House Officers: Anna Cocks, Shivali Bangalore, Mai Chu, Ila Bains and Danielle Wan

Warwick House: CARE Australia

CARE Australia is a humanitarian organisation dedicated to saving lives, ending poverty and achieving social justice. It is a worldwide charity that includes 21 countries around the globe and has a targeted aim to aid women in developing countries.

CARE was first founded during World War II, sending care packages to Vienna to assist with the war efforts. Vienna was known as the hungriest city at that time, and CARE's aid helped to feed starving citizens.

After the war, CARE's focus shifted to developing countries around the world. The organisation deals with issues such as gender equality, climate change, and emergencies and crises. Australia became a member of CARE in 1987 when Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister at the time, became the Founding Chair of CARE Australia.

Warwick is looking forward to raising funds towards CARE Australia and working with them to assist with raising funds for developing countries around the world.

To learn more about our charity, visit the CARE Australia website at www.care.org.au/who-we-are.

Warwick House Officers: Nerissa Du, Sunae Park, Greta Rand, Lahna Jung and Alexandra McLean



York House: Australian Children's Music Foundation

York is excited to support the Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) in 2025. Founded in 2002 by Don Spencer OAM, songwriter, musician and former Play School host, ACMF has facilitated musical experiences and music-related education to disadvantaged youth for the last 23 years. The Foundation has worked with 104 schools, 17 hospitals and youth centres, and 21 juvenile justice centres, providing programs including music lessons, instrument donations, and partnerships. ACMF advocates for the inclusion of music as a core element of education, emphasising its positive impact on creativity, confidence, and behaviour.

Meriden understands the importance of music in the lives of its students, and its effect on their academic, personal and social lives. By partnering with ACMF, we hope to help share the positive impact of music education with others. We are excited to collaborate with ACMF in 2025 and share the joy of music!

If you would like to learn more about ACMF, please visit their website at www.acmf.com.au.

York House Officers: Kristy Thapa, Connie Liu, Chloe Tsihlis, Arunee Vasrivastava and Nishkala Shivashankaran

