**School Sleepout Host to Parent – Physical Event**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is invited to attend and participate in our Vinnies School Sleepout event. The event will be held at (**Venue Name**) from (**Time**) on (**Event Date**), and will conclude at (**Time**) the following morning. Dinner and breakfast will be provided to participants, and they will be required to bring a pillow and sleeping bag, layers of warm clothing and a toothbrush.

A Vinnies School Sleepout promotes leadership, empathy, compassion and advocacy. Students will sleep outside for one night with only the essentials to gain an understanding of the challenges of homelessness and work together to make practical change.

The sleepout is also an opportunity to learn vital skills involving event organisation, philanthropy and social justice. Your child may also choose to fundraise which can assist St Vincent de Paul Society Western Australia’s services for individuals and families needing support.

Vinnies Sleepouts are a safe experience for students, although it is not designed to be comfortable. Students will be introduced to the hard truths of poverty and disadvantage faced by many West Australians. The event will be made safe through (**adult supervision, first aid support and wet weather arrangements.)**

If you have any questions about our Vinnies School Sleepout, please contact me via (**Coordinator email/phone number).** You can also learn more about Vinnies Sleepouts at <https://fundraise.vinnieswa.org.au/>

Kind Regards,

(**Coordinator name**)

(**Coordinator Position**)

*­­­­­­­Optional – include your school’s permission slip below.*