

Spirit of learning fuelled by older and younger generations

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Residents at Amana Living's Sundowner Centre in Cottesloe have become an integral part of a photographic project undertaken by students from Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC).

More than 30 Year 10 media students have spent time with the residents over recent months, forming friendships and portraying aspects of residents' lives in their photography as part of their 'Service Learning' project work, which sees students learn through helping in the community.

Children at Mosman Park Primary School were also included in the project, which had a strong focus on forming meaningful linkages between generations.

Ray Glickman, CEO of Amana Living, said he welcomed the opportunity for residents to interact with the younger generation; something which he believed enabled them to feel a greater connection to the community.

"This project has enriched our residents' lives in numerous ways, they have enjoyed spending time with the students, talking about their lives, hearing stories and of course taking part in the photography," he said.

"The strong partnership between Presbyterian Ladies' College and Amana Living was formed last year through our Personal Enrichment Program, and continues to be mutually beneficial arrangement for our residents and the students.

"This has been a great initiative and I would like to thank the teachers at PLC and also the students for demonstrating maturity, caring and respect during the time they have spent with our residents."

A special opening and afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday 3 December to celebrate the conclusion of the project. In attendance will be the Principal and students from both schools as well as staff, families and residents from Amana Living.

The students' photos will also be on display for viewing on this day, and will then be presented to the residents and their families.

Amana Living operates 17 retirement villages, 10 hostels, five nursing homes and three day clubs throughout Western Australia. It provides specialised care for residents with dementia and their families, as well as a wide range of community services to enable people to remain living in their own homes.

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