

# Oxley sleep out for street youth



Oxley College Year 5 and 6 students Bianca Gibson-Brown, Rosie Phelan, Lucca Ritchie, Tom Hutchings and Logan Dobler enjoying the Sleep Out. **Photo supplied**

OXLEY students are awake to the plight of disadvantaged youth after a charity sleep out.

Ten Year 10 students took charge of 29 in Years 5 and 6 in an overnight fundraiser for Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets.

The October 23 event bedded down in "difficult conditions" on concrete, verandas and classrooms, said Year 10 co-ordinator Isabella Davies.

"Youth Off the Streets volunteers and donations help out young people who are homeless, drug dependent or recovering from abuse," Isabella said.

"I hoped an event such as the Sleep Out would contribute to turning the lives of these young people around and give them a brighter future.

"I hoped an experience such as this would ... enable us to recognise how fortunate our lives are and provide the

opportunity to give something back."

The Oxley College Sleep Out included a barbecue, tournaments, talent show and a movie, with breakfast before the students returned home.

"Everybody involved should be commended for their enthusiasm and cooperation," Isabella said. The Sleep Out raised more than \$2272.

"The Year 5 and 6 students now have a greater understanding of the number of young people affected by homelessness and some idea of what they experience each night.

"With the money raised we hope to contribute to improving the lives of young homeless people by getting a few more teens off the street and into a safe environment.

"As Father Chris Riley says, 'We believe that every young person has greatness within'."



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