



# Student Volunteer Army Secondary School Service Award



Member Pin

5 hours



Bronze Award Pin

32 hours



Silver Award Pin

250 hours



Gold Award Pin

500 hours



Top Volunteer Award

Special Recognition Badge

## **Service in the Marist Tradition:**

John Paul II High School is founded on Marist and Mercy charisms

A Marist education aims to inspire young people to know the love of Jesus and to model their lives on that of his mother, Mary, by emulating her humility and sense of duty towards others, promoting selflessness rather than selfishness. In following in the way of Mary, we are called upon to go about our work, doing good quietly. Marcellin Champagnat is also a valuable example of service. He would travel huge distances on foot over difficult terrain and in all conditions to visit the sick, care for the poor, share the good news of Jesus' love for all and particularly to reach out to people, especially young people, on the margins of society. We, like the Marist Brothers, are called to seek out those on the margins of society, the poor and vulnerable, and be present to them in their need through our care.

## **Service in the Mercy Tradition:**

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The Mercy value of service is about helping others in need, showing compassion and kindness. You help others who are in need and don't ask for payment or some other reward in return. Venerable Catherine McAuley is our example of faith in action through service to those in need in our community. Catherine McAuley served the poor in her community, sought to provide quality education to give them a sense of dignity in that they would then be able to help themselves out of their situation, she provided shelters for women, an orphanage and 'meals on feet', with the sisters walking to families in need with food and other support. She also cared for their spiritual wellbeing and would read the scriptures and pray sensitively and gently with them. We are called to serve our community and care for those in need, as Catherine McAuley did, to be present in all aspects of their need.



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# SVA

**SERVICE AWARD**

The SVA Service Award is a platform that provides free access for volunteers to track and reflect upon their volunteering hours. However, in order for volunteers to receive their badges—Member, Bronze, Silver, and Gold—their school needs to sign up to the programme.

Through our services, we aim to ensure that volunteers receive the recognition they rightfully deserve for their valuable contributions to their community, whether it's within their school, whānau, or neighborhood.



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**10 years on...**

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# Impact of participating in volunteering service for young people

- **Improved communication skills:** better social skills and ability to connect with people from different backgrounds, ages and cultures.
- **Improved leadership skills:** Learning how to accept and work with people who have different perspectives and developing better sympathy and empathy for others.
- **Better organisational skills:** Improved ability to plan and make sure you have everything in order.
- **Time management skills:** Better able to predict what is needed and when, awareness of time frames.
- **Developing problem solving skills:** Improved ability to recognise problems and find solutions.

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- **Improved ability to work under pressure:** Learning to be more flexible and adaptable.
- **Better teamwork skills:** Learning to work together despite personal feelings and differences with a person.
- **Increase in pride and self-worth:** Feeling good about having a way to contribute to your local community
- **Improved work readiness and focus on future career goals:** Exposure to careers and work focused on service.
- **Civic and social awareness:** Improved understanding of community needs, learning how to respond to needs when volunteering, and what it means to be in a privileged position to help others.



# Why volunteer?

Volunteering is a great way to gain experience while helping others. If you're doing something to help other people, without expecting anything in return, that's volunteering. Whether you're putting out cones at a sports event, organising the school ball, caring for a sick family member, washing dogs at the SPCA, planting trees, or picking up plastic rubbish at the beach - you're making a contribution to your community and that counts.

It can be hard to get a job without experience, but it can be hard to get experience without a job. By volunteering and logging your hours through the SVA Service Award app, you can add essential skills to your CV while building your confidence and making friends.



*Earth Day clean up  
= 1 hour of  
volunteering  
completed to add!*



## Log your volunteer hours

You will earn your Member level pin after 5 hours of volunteering. Try and aim for Bronze at 32 hours!



## Build a Summary of Service

All the volunteering hours you log and the activities you attend gets recorded automatically.



## Earn SVA Service Award Badges

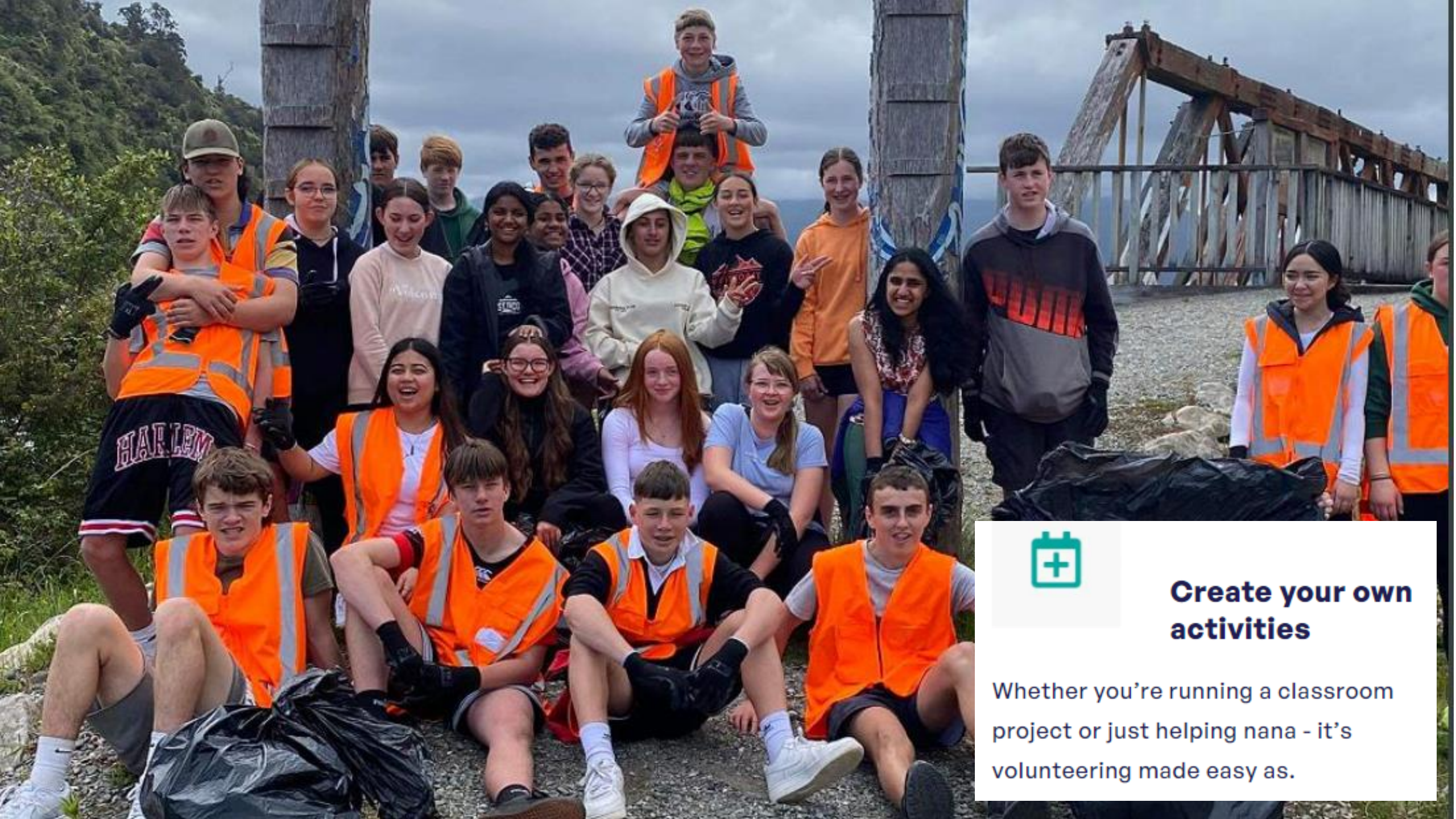
There are 5 SVA Service Award badges: **Member, Bronze, Silver, Gold** and a **Top Volunteer Award** pin.



## Use the Summary of Service

You've done the mahi, now you get the treats! Apply for jobs, uni, polytechnic, scholarships & more.





## Create your own activities

Whether you're running a classroom project or just helping nana - it's volunteering made easy as.



**JOSH: THE FINANCE OFFICER**  
**STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY**



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# Earn a John Paul II High School Volunteer Service Award Certificate and Badge

**Awarded at end of year prizegiving, you can take multiple years to earn the JPIIHS Volunteer Service Award. You need to meet these 2 criteria:**

1. Minimum of an SVA Silver Award Pin earned
2. Service reflection (written, slideshow, poster, speech, or interview) answering:
  - *How has the volunteering experience impacted you as a person? What are your values?*
  - *Who is the beneficiary of your service and how are they impacted by your volunteering?*
  - *What is the greater social and political context that creates the issues experienced by the beneficiary? What is your role in this wider context?*

## **John Paul II Service Competition**

Each year, hours of service logged in the SVA app contribute to our House Service Competition – collective hours of members of each house are added up to acknowledge the House who contributes the most service hours. There is also a Top Service Award for each year level group.

## **Service Days**

Students will have opportunities to complete full days of service in the community, through a programme that the school will organise.

# How does it work?

1. Find volunteering opportunities that interest and mean something to you.
2. Log volunteering hours through the SVA App or web app.
3. The application automatically builds a Summary of Service that you can use when applying for scholarships, apprenticeships, and employment.

Join us now



<https://volunteer.sva.org.nz/>



**Become a volunteer today!**

**SIGN UP FOR AN ACCOUNT**



## **Get Started: Local Community Opportunities for Volunteer Service**

It's motivating to match interests you have already or ideas you have for potential future careers with a local community group or organisation that needs volunteer support to run. You can probably think of a person who has impacted your own life positively through the volunteer work that they do – a sports coach or umpire or a youth group leader for example.

There are many activities and events that happen in our West Coast communities that would not exist without the tireless work of people who volunteer in the same organisation for many years. You could ask one of those people about what volunteering means to them. They will have suggestions and connections in their network to help you get started too. There are lots of expert volunteers on the West Coast who are very keen to guide and support young people who want to contribute through volunteer service.

It's important to find an existing need to contribute your volunteer service to that is genuinely helpful for others.

# School and Church – suggestions for service

- Parish roster for ministries: altar server, reader, eucharistic minister, greeter, youth member on parish council
- Morning tea club
- Assembly prayers, liturgy and Mass,
- whānau time prayers
- Peer Support Programme
- Peer Learning Support
- Student Librarians
- Ball committee
- SVA Ambassador
- Daffodil Day collector
- Duke of Edinburgh Voluntary Service
- Bootcamp Fitness Leader
- Catholic Character Mission Leaders
- Catholic Character group after school
- Junior Camp student leader
- St. Patrick's Parish Choir
- Helping prepare a cuppa after Mass
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Salvation Army
- The Shed Youth Club

# Community Groups – suggestions for service

- Volunteer lifeguarding with the Kotuku Surf Life Saving Club
- Greymouth SPCA, SAFE Animal Welfare, and 'Your Voice' in Hokitika
- West Coast RDA
- Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Lions Clubs run regular projects and events for communities that need volunteer support
- St John Youth, Girls Guides, Scouts, Keas, Cubs, Air Training Corps (ATC) usual have a volunteering component
- Community Food Drives
- Whare Manaaki
- Te Hono o Ngā Waka


# Sports, Clubs & Groups – suggestions for service

- Sport coach for a community sports team or a local primary or secondary school aged team
- Sport umpire/referee for a primary or secondary sports competitions or a local community sports team or club
- Volunteer work with a sports club, such as caring for grounds and buildings, setting up for competitions, cleaning up in the kitchen
- Be a committee member
- Grey District Youth - Art Soup Youth Arts Space




# Family & Neighbours – suggestions for service

- Gardening and weeding
- Lawnmowing
- Beach clean-up
- Walking track clean-up
- Helping older people to use their smart phones, different apps, and work online



***“So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”***

John 13:14-15



# Further Information

- SVA Website - <https://sva.org.nz/>
- SVA Service Award - <https://sva.org.nz/pages/sva-service-award>
- [The positive impact of volunteering on young people's lives](#)
- [The Silt Worms – The Origins of the Student Volunteer Army](#)
- [Volunteering creates resilient student community](#)
- [TEDxEQChch – The Value of Contribution](#)
- [Civic Entrepreneurship as a career](#)