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Volunteering gets students into the community

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria has highlighted the volunteer efforts of students from four secondary schools in the area during the inaugural National Student Volunteer Week (August 4-10).

Ms Victoria said Bayswater Secondary College, Fairhills High School, Heathmont College and Wantirna College have shared in \$4.5 million of Coalition government funding this year to continue with student volunteering as part of the Advance program.

"It's wonderful to see so many students getting out into the community and wanting to make a difference," Ms Victoria said.

"The Advance program has given the school the support it needs to develop, plan and undertake volunteering projects together with local community partners."

In 2012, more than 20,000 students at 420 government secondary colleges took part in Advance projects in a variety of areas from community safety and conservation to art, sport and recreation.

"The support that students have shown to their community through the various projects has been most welcome and continued funding will enable these projects to continue in the future," Ms Victoria said.

Bayswater Secondary College, Fairhills High School and Heathmont College each received \$9725, and Wantirna College was given \$5475 in funding grants.

For more information on how to get involved in Advance volunteering go to

www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

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