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CAREY PARK COMMUNITY WANTS CHOOSE RESPECT TO BE WIDESPREAD

Another Carey Park community group has signed on to show their support for the Choose Respect Initiative.

Look out for the next new Choose Respect sign on the Anglican Church in Little Street, Carey Park.

"The Choose Respect sign is an extension of what has already been happening around Carey Park for some time now with the Carey Park community embracing the Choose Respect Initiative," Choose Respect Project Facilitator Sarah-Jane Smith said.

"It is great to see other businesses and groups in the community wanting to support Choose Respect."



Jill Cooney, Vince Cooney, Choose Respect Project Facilitator Sarah-Jane Smith handing over the sign to Reverend Carol Morgan, Heather Porter and Dawn Anderson.

Reverend Canon Carol Morgan, Parish Priest said that they had always wanted to support the Choose Respect Initiative since it started at Carey Park Primary School in 2007.

"We used to run an after-school kids club at the Parish and we noticed the students from the school had embraced Choose Respect.

"We wanted to mirror the Choose Respect philosophy.

“Our Church wardens met and we agreed that the sign would help demonstrate our support to Choose Respect in the Carey Park community including the Carey Park Primary School,” Rev’d Morgan said.

Carey Park Primary School started implementing Choose Respect in February 2007. It has been an overwhelming success with students and teachers embracing the Initiative.

Since introducing Choose Respect Carey Park Primary School has seen a 35% reduction in bullying and a 40% reduction in negative behaviour at the school.

With the Parish adopting the Choose Respect initiative they hope to reflect the Choose Respect principles in all their outreach projects, including the op shop.

The Anglican Church Parish in Carey Park also sponsors a ‘Choose Respect Award’ which goes to a student at the Carey Park primary school every year.

“We just wanted to be part of Choose Respect as we think it will really make a difference,” Rev’d Morgan said, “We also really want to support the Greater Bunbury area in its desire to become a Choose Respect city.”

The sign has been installed on the wall of the Op Shop in Little Street, just off Frankel Street, in Carey Park.

“The Church has been operating in this area for more than 60 years and is well respected by the community for the support and services it provides,” Rev’d Morgan said.

The Op Shop is run by members of the church congregation.

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