Students from Good Shepherd Lutheran College have worked with the Noosa Corps of the Salvation Army to help struggling local families this festive season.

As part of the college’s pastoral care program, Year 12 students from the Community Senior Leader Group have found a new opportunity for the college community to make a difference to the lives of needy families in the Noosa area this Christmas.

Each pastoral care group from the secondary campus has put together a Christmas gift package for a person in-need. There are 24 mixed-age pastoral care groups on the campus.

This exercise has given Good Shepherd students the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate they are in being able to look forward to celebrating a joyous Christmas.

The students also have to demonstrate the Christian spirit of giving in a meaningful way.

Chief officer of the Salvation Army’s Noosa Corps, Captain Neville Hall, expressed gratitude to the Good Shepherd students and their families for their assistance.

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GSLC principal Mr John Mason also congratulated the students for upholding and putting into practice the college’s Christian ethos.

“This is yet another example of our students supporting those in need within our community with a commendable and positive response,” Mr Mason said.

Captain Hall took delivery of the gift packages, which included a bicycle, skateboard and scooter along with various other toys, clothes, gourmet food items and gift vouchers, at a special assembly at the college on Friday, November 5.

These will be distributed by the Salvation Army in the coming weeks.