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Dear Parents,

**Mara House**

This year the Lumina 9 girls will be fundraising for Colony 47 and in particular Mara House, which provides 24 hour supported accommodation for young homeless women aged 13-18 years in the Hobart area. They will be raising 'Recreational Funds' for the residents of Mara who are either isolated from family and their community, victims of violence or having trouble at school.

Because funding for shelters has been cut in most states, the amount of money that shelters have available to buy clothing and toiletry items has decreased substantially. Thanks to the generosity of donors, many shelters for single women have been able to supplement their supply of clothing with donations received from local members of the community.

The Lumina 9 girls will also be collecting much needed clothing, shoes etc., for the girls of Mara House. Many of the girls who enter the establishment have only the possessions they arrive with. Thus, we are asking for your help. We would greatly appreciate any clothing donations for Mara House. There will be a box placed in Room 4 for the duration of the year where clothing can be left.

Kind regards,

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Lumina 9 Co-ordinator