Seven year 11 girls prepared a Middle Eastern luncheon for the staff of Saint Ignatius' College Adelaide Senior School on 31 August. The activity was part of a South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) Stage 2 integrated learning subject, Jesuit Service and Hospitality, which commenced at the school last year.

The challenge was to collaborate, design, plan and implement a school-based event in hospitality for the purpose of fundraising. The students experimented and then selected recipes to best fit their Middle Eastern theme under the direction of highly regarded Adelaide Chef and teacher, Rosa Mattio.

All recipes were costed and a budget compiled by the class.

Students were delegated responsibility for other tasks, such as decorating the venue, writing the menu and producing invitations to be distributed to their teachers. It is a marvellous opportunity to be able to give something back to our teachers because they do so much for us, said Alexa Alvarez (17).

Participating student Caroline Raslan, who came from Lebanon to Australia as a child, said a prayer in Arabic at the beginning of the meal.

Students who study the Jesuit Service and Hospitality course learn, among other things, how to cater, serve and organise an event. The money the Integrated Learning group makes from such an exercise is donated to Jesuit Mission.

Earlier in the year, Fr Jeremy Clarke SJ, director of Jesuit Mission Australia, spoke to the students about the work of the Jesuits in the wider community.

*Pictured: Alexa Alvarez and Brittany Calvert*