Students chill out for charity drive

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STUDENTS at Saint Ignatius’ College braved Adelaide’s winter chill and slept rough last week to raise money for the victims of the Nepal earthquakes.

More than 30 Year 12s locked themselves inside a cage-like building outside the school with no overhead cover from 1pm last Thursday for 24 hours.

They also went without food, beds and heating.

At presstime, they had raised about $1000, adding to the $13,500 raised for the earthquake victims so far this term.

Madison, 17, said the experience helped her realise how lucky she was.

“It was very chilly, that’s for sure,” Madison said.

“It really goes to show how much we take the little things, like being able to go home and turn on a heater, for granted.

“All the money we raise will go a charity called Jesuit Mission which will help rebuild the communities. We know that some of the people affected by the earthquake have been living like we did for 24 hours for more than six weeks.

“But it still gave us an insight and a better understanding of how privileged we actually are.”

Alec, 17, admitted the night was tough but was glad to be involved. “I enjoyed the experience because it was a real eye-opening one and I’d never experienced anything like it before,” Alec said.

“Going without food for 24 hours was probably the hardest and it put everyone in a miserable mood.

“But it is important to help those in need.”
Saint Ignatius students Michelle, Alec and Madison, all 17, brave the cold.

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