Leading a life of simplicity is counter-cultural in a materialistic world but this is precisely what we are called to do as a Franciscan school. As followers of St Francis of Assisi we aim for lives of simplicity, buying only what we need, having an emphasis on serving others, communal prayer and community with God at the centre. This doesn’t just mean getting rid of material things; choosing a life of simplicity means getting rid of anything that harms us, including getting rid of prejudice, or a lack of forgiveness, or a love of objects and things over people. In a world that is centred on the ‘having’, the community of St Francis College Crestmead strives to be centred on the ‘giving’.