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AFTER attending Alpine School's eight-week leadership camp, six Irymple Secondary College students created a charitable community project.

The students, alongside teachers Tash Colson and Nat Timmis, demonstrated their recently developed organisation and public speaking skills through creating a food drive at their school to assist Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council's food bank.

"Our food drive was designed to help people who were struggling to eat," student Rose Livingstone, 15, said.

"We got out food donated by our school, so students and teachers were able to donate throughout the week."

Dustin Madden, 14, added: "We got much more food than we anticipated – every day we filled at least two full carts."

Student Ethan Hendy, 15, said that SMECC was "very happy" with the students' work and were "encouraging and helpful" in the students' plan to donate as much food as possible.

"They told us that when they get donations it's not usually as much as we had," he said. "We had a volunteer from SMECC come in every day and speak to



Ruben Carmichael, 14, Rose Livingstone, 15, Dustin Madden, 14, Lucinda Marks, 14, Ethan Hendy, 15, and Zoe Hilton-Wood, 15.

each year level about where the food is going and so people knew what they were giving to."

As a part of attending Alpine School, all the students were required to work on a project that would directly help their community.

"I thought it would be helpful because not all charity events go towards the community itself," Dustin said. "With something like a food drive, all the food can be recycled back into the community. So we knew that if we gave it to a local charity it would go back into our community."

Ms Colson said that she was proud of the students' work and the way that they had all grown since attending Alpine School.

