



# CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE

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#### Catholic College students discover that 'oils aint oils'

One of the Catholic College Sale Year 9 classes has had a wonderful idea to raise money for the Duke of Edinburgh awards, a concept which has taken them on a culinary adventure!

The College made contact with a local farmer who had a problem with his olive trees – they were covered in fruit! Guided by the creative thinking and initiative of their teacher, the students travelled to the farm, donned a hessian bag and began to harvest olives.

The best part of a day was spent picking the fruit to ensure that the group would have the minimum amount to press for oil. At one stage it started to rain but they just put on rain coats and kept picking - determined to pick 100kg on the day. It was hard work but the students remained focused on the task at hand.

The next day the tired troop of harvesters took their crop to a processing plant in Fish Creek. While there, the fruit was weighed and pressed and the students undertook a tour of the pressing shed. They were inspired by the process which converted the olives to the famous golden coloured oil.

Back in class, some students studied brochures and selected bottles while others designed the labels to be used on the final the product.

Local food critic and CCS Food Technology teacher, Ms Gabe Costin gave the final product the thumbs up. She said the oil is of a remarkable quality and described it as fragrant with rich, peppery tones.

The olive oil is available for \$10 per 250ml bottle from the College Office located at CCS St Pat's Campus in Sale.

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