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ACRATH MEDIA RELEASE - 15 July 2025 Students Take Strides to STOP MODERN SLAVERY



Pictured: top left: Charlee (Padua College, Mornington), top right: Newman College, University of Melbourne team, Bottom right: Joan and Bridie - mother and daughter team, Bridie (Sacred Heart College, Oakleigh) with Erin, ACRATH volunteer.

Braving Melbourne's chilly winter winds, teams from Padua College (Mornington), Catholic Ladies College (Eltham), Ave Maria College (Essendon) and Newman College (University of Melbourne) participated in the Run Melbourne Charity Run 2025 on Sunday morning, July 13 and raised over \$5,000 for ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to STOP MODERN SLAVERY.

Students and teachers supported by their parents and friends came together to raise funds for ACRATH's initiatives that include education, awareness raising campaigns, advocacy work and victim-survivor support, all dedicated to the mission of eliminating human trafficking in Australia and world-wide.

'We have connected with another impressive group of young people, staff and parents prepared to spread the message about stopping modern slavery. It was magnificent to see the familiar faces from 2024 back to improve their times ' said ACRATH members and team organisers Janet Bohan and Erin Cassell.

Special mention goes to incredible repeat supporters, Charlee from Padua College who ran her first half-marathon in an amazing time and raised an impressive \$935





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and Bridie from Sacred Heart Girls College, Oakleigh and her Mum, Joan, who together raised \$1,500.

A heartfelt thank you to every runner, supporter, and volunteer who contributed to the success of this year's event. Your generosity and commitment are vital in advancing ACRATH's mission to eliminate human trafficking.

Donations are still open and welcome via our link: [RUN MELBOURNE TEAM ACRATH](#)

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