

## TEENS ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR RED CROSS CHALLENGE

PINE Rivers students are rolling up their sleeves for this year's Schools Blood Challenge. IT IS National Blood Donor Week and the competition is heating up for Pine Rivers students in the School Blood Challenge.



*Picture: CHRIS HIGGINS* Genesis Christian College and Pine Rivers High School students April Dunbrell, Jaimee Wallace-Smith (front) with Sam Simpson, Jayde Baker, Crystal Farrell, Kimberley Campbell, Grace Mclaughlin, Greg Mills and Dylan Booth get ready to rumble.

In the time it usually takes them to do their homework, students from Genesis Christian College at Bray Park and Pine Rivers State High School will be saving lives as they hope to fill 50 appointments in July to boost blood supplies – and be named the highest donating school.

Genesis Christian College Club Red co-ordinator Christina Van Leent said the competition was a great way for students to start what would hopefully become a lifelong habit.

“It is wonderful and inspiring to see young people looking outwards to the needs of the community and making this small sacrifice to help others,” she said.

“Chances are that some day you or a loved one will benefit.”

Strathpine Donor Centre community relations officer Bettina Rogers said 28,500 new youth donors were needed this year.

“These young donors are only 16 and 17 but their generosity and community spirit make a lifesaving difference to blood recipients from all over the country,” she said.



The highest donating school and the highest donating student will be awarded when the results are tallied at the end of the year.