

**While many of us are looking forward to winding down over the Easter holidays, Old Collegian Ashley Hanger (2011) is preparing to head to Cambodia to support the worldwide organisation Days for Girls (DFG).**

Former St John's College Captain, Ashley Hanger has a passion for helping others having volunteered at the Starlight Children's Foundation for a number of years. On the 1 April 2017, Ashley as part of MAD Tours (a mother and daughter tour group) will head to Cambodia with her own mother to deliver much needed DFG kits. Ashley explains:



*"Days for Girls (DFG) is an incredible not-for-profit organisation empowering young girls and women worldwide to live with dignity, health and safety by giving them access to sustainable feminine hygiene products. DFG delivers their purpose-made kits to more than 100 countries - countries that isolate women from education, food and work simply for being female. These kits give days back to girls, allowing them to go to school, live their life with dignity and pave the way to break the cycle of poverty.*

*Before travelling to Cambodia, we partnered with the Ipswich branch of DFG to cut fabric, sew and assemble hundreds of kits, some of which we will be hand delivering during our trip. We may be a tiny contribution to the DFG story, but every kit means one more girl somewhere in the world will feel seen, valued and loved."*

In preparation, Ashley and the group have been washing, cutting, ironing and sewing their little hands off! Each week they have been putting in some extra hours washing and cutting fabric, then sewing them into waterproof 'shields' and absorbent liners. They spent a day with the Ipswich chapter of DFG collating these kits, in preparation to take our share to Cambodia.

Supporting Days for Girls was an easy choice for Ashley. She says *"a group of women travelling to a country so culturally diverse from our own, with the ability to help those that do not have access to the basic hygiene standards that we take for granted? It was a no-brainer. Although we are not travelling to Cambodia purely to deliver the DFG kits, it's been an incredible addition to the trip"*.

MAD Tours was founded only last year by St John's Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care, Robern Hinchliffe and her daughter Alice with the purpose of allowing mothers and daughters to share an amazing 10-day experience in beautiful countries whilst also supporting a worthwhile cause.

**Ashley Hanger graduated from St John's Anglican College in 2011 and continued her studies at The University of Queensland. On completion of her degree in Bachelor of Journalism/Communications, Public Relations in 2015, Ashley has been working at UQ Sport initially as a Marketing Assistant and more recently as the Content Marketing & Communications Coordinator. Ashley also has her own blog called 'Smash'.**