Pupils walk to bring safer water to orphans

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Students at St Francis de Sales College took a trek through the Hills recently to raise funds for an orphanage in Vietnam.

The walkers, all Year 6 and 7 students, were raising money for the SA Vietnam Charity Group on behalf of Water for Children which is focused on providing a much-needed supply of clean water to orphanages in Vietnam. The goal was to raise $4000 which would go towards installing water filtration units.

Teacher Michael Pavy said the event and the students’ studies on water issues gave them an understanding about how others lived around the world.

“As a Catholic school our ethos is about helping those in need,” he said.

The students also read a book about a girl in Africa who would walk many kilometres twice a day to collect water.

Each student had sponsors such as grandparents, neighbors, friends and family who donated.

The 10km walk was through Bridgewater and connected to the Pioneer Women’s Trail which continues to Mt George where it meets the Stirling Golf Club.

The walkers then went back to Bridgewater and finished at the original starting point of Vincent Park.