Three former Prouille students are currently fundraising to participate in a bike ride through Cambodia in support of the charity, Project Futures. These three students are Liv W, Yvette C and Charlotte S, who attend Loreto Normanhurst. Project Futures was founded by a former Loreto student, Stephanie Lorenzo, in response to the injustice being experienced by young girls and teenagers in Cambodia. Below is a letter from Liv outlining her reason for participating in this inspiring experience:

This July I will be travelling to Cambodia for 10 days to do a 385 km bike ride from Angkor Watt to Phnom Penh. I feel I have been so blessed in my life already – to live here in this great country, to have a wonderful family that loves me and to be able to go to a school like mine - that offers such a wonderful education and so many opportunities. Not every young girl in this world is as lucky. Through no fault of their own – but because of the poverty of their country and a lack of education of their parents, leads some children into terrible circumstances that no one should ever be in – they are trafficked, taken away from their families and homes, and their lives become a living nightmare. It makes me so sad that this happens – every child deserves to be loved, educated and protected – no matter where they live in the world. I want to be able to do something to bring awareness to this terrible problem, hence my decision to participate in the bike ride which is sponsored by an incredible Program called Project Futures which supports organisations that shelter, educate and train young victims – some as young as 5 years old. During our trip, I will also be visiting a number of shelters to meet with these girls and hear something of their lives. I know this will be hard but we hope to show them that they are loved and supported, and that there is a better life for them. To participate in the ride, I must raise $5000 and I am hoping that you might be able to support me and my friends in some small, but effective ways.

At our upcoming Year 1 Family Mass, we will be selling cupcakes and sweet treats, as well as school hair bows and bath bombs. My younger sister, Emily (6LD) will also be selling tickets in an upcoming guessing competition during Recess and Lunch time at Prouille school.

Thank you for your generosity and support in assisting this worthy cause. I know that it will mean so much for the young girls who are sure to benefit from it!