

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October a team of close to 250 volunteers from Blue Mountains City Church rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to renovate areas of Nepean High School.

This project was coordinated by 'Elevate', which is the community arm of Blue Mountains City Church.

Mike Kelly, (Elevate Director) was very pleased with the results saying, *"Elevate was so excited to partner with Nepean High in transforming their school. A little bit of wood, a little paint, a lot of heart from the people in Blue Mountains City Church, and we have hopefully been able to raise the morale of the students and teachers of Nepean High."*

Some of the main tasks completed during the project included: re-painting of several indoor and outdoor areas, garden makeovers including many new plants, significant electrical work, new carpets laid in the school gym, building renovations completed and plenty of smaller tasks to finish the makeover.

The project finished up with a barbeque for all the volunteers, who were thanked for their participation, hard work and positive community outlook.

Tony Baldacchino, Acting Principal of Nepean High School, responded to the project by saying, *"Thanks for the tremendous job and the difference that the church community has made at our school."*

Elevate would like to thank Tony Baldacchino and Nepean High School for the opportunity to partner together in this community project. Organisers also want to thank all the local businesses who provided supplies at discounted rates or donated time and items for the project: Hudson Building Supplies, Australian Native Plants, Dean McElrea Electrical Services, Innovative Building & Renovations, Haddock Constructions Pty Ltd, RC & WE Tree, Fernbay, The Crusty Loaf, Old Bathurst Meats and The Good Guys Penrith Store Richard Eastmead.