Lessons of a lifetime

STUDENTS IN PERU MISSION

The city of Lima in Peru may be on the other side of the world but its community is close to the hearts of students at Clairvaux MacKillop College.

Twenty-two students and teachers from the Upper Mt Gravatt school will travel to South America in September to assist the Josephite Sisters in their mission to educate children.

Year 12 student Ashlee James said she was eager to help the Sisters in any way she could. “Peru is still recovering from the civil war they had,” she said.

“It’s going to be a really good eye opener – I think it’s going to teach me not to take things for granted.”

Campus minister Sandra Stadhams said students would gain a deeper understanding of Lima’s political and economic background.

“They see how people are working towards developing that country and they gain a sense of solidarity of people in real life,” she said. “Students that go over and see this certainly have a newfound appreciation of their lives in Australia.”