



Woolworths Shopping Assist

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The young boys from the Centralian Middle School Clontarf Academy have set out to be positive role models by helping the customers of Woolworths with their groceries.

On Wednesday, after school hours, volunteers from the CMS Academy travelled to Yeperenye Shopping Centre to help Woolworths' customers, such as pushing a large amount of groceries in a shopping cart, or simply helping to bag items.

Young Deadly Mob (YDM) spoke with Damien Hall, the Clontarf mentor who was supervising the young men, about how the programme works and why the boys were out in the community. "The boys are down here to help with peoples' groceries, putting trolleys away, helping to pack it into the car," Damien told YDM. "Any help they can give, it's what they do."

It's not the first time that the Clontarf academy has helped Yeperenye customers before. "Yeperenye is a really good partner of the Clontarf Foundation, so coming down and helping is our way of giving back to them.

"Doing this helps with these boys' self-esteem and gets them interacting with the community in a really positive way. It's good for the community to see these young fellas out and helping, and perhaps change the perception that some people have of the young people here."

YDM also spoke to one of the Clontarf members, Ashton Cubillo- Tomlins, about the experience of helping others with their grocery shopping.

"I've helped out two people with their groceries, some of them looked like they were struggling, and it felt good to help them like that," he said.

