

# Locks chopped for cancer help

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Cambridge High School teacher Vanessa Tupp, as well as students Sneha Kant and Alana James, embraced Spirit Week by bravely cutting off their hair.

Their shorn locks will be made into wigs for cancer patients through Pantene's 'Beautiful Lengths'.

Having lost family members to this disease the three were inspired to donate their ponytails to the worthy cause. "Cancer is something that affects everyone in some way. Losing your hair often contributes to a change in mindset or loss of identity," said Vanessa.

"I am hoping that my hair can be used to make a wig for someone and regain their confidence."

Two of the three had their hair cut during a lunchtime last week in the Cambridge High School library.

A crowd of students and teachers gathered to watch Vanessa and Alana allow stylists from Zibido Hair in Hamilton to cut their lovely long hair, both of them displaying signs of nervousness.



Cambridge High School student Alana James with her shorn ponytail.

Sneha had done hers the night before as for cultural reasons she couldn't cut her hair in public – but she was happy to take off her beanie at the library to show her shaved head. With the support of the staff and students these women were able to follow through with such an amazing donation for a wonderful cause.