

SALVOS SCHOOLS BOOKLET



WHAT IS THE SCHOOLS BOOKLET?

This booklet will help you understand some of the many ways that The Salvation Army is getting alongside young people – inspiring them, equipping them with knowledge and inviting them to lead.

We see your students being at the forefront of the next generation of change.

We believe getting students involved in social change should be easy, but it can be an overwhelming task to research and

organise all the different opportunities available. We hope this booklet will make things a little easier for you by providing all our information in one place.

Opportunities featured in this booklet range from free curriculum resources and workshops about homeless youth, to the many opportunities available for young people to roll up their sleeves as volunteers and be part of a movement that makes a difference

WHO IS THE SALVATION ARMY?

The Salvation Army is about people finding freedom.

We help Australians doing it tough in the hope they will find freedom from the things that can crush the human spirit. Our services offer practical, emotional and financial support to people from all walks of life.

The Salvation Army is an international movement working in more than 125 countries around the world.

We are part of the Christian church, our message is based on the Bible and our ministry is motivated by the love of God.

The Salvation Army provides services to people who are in need, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity, without discrimination in accordance with its principles of social justice and in line with its international mission statement.

The Salvation Army is a not-for-profit and non-discriminatory organisation, with a presence across Australia and throughout the world. We are found in big cities, small towns, regional areas and the remote outback.

We believe that by bringing to light issues hidden behind stereotypes and misconception, we can help people of all walks of life find ways to join the fight and help secure freedom for others.

We also believe in the power of community. Without the support of the community – that's you – we would simply cease to exist. The way we see it, the need is great and we're better together.

Together with you, we can help more than one million people each year find freedom to live life to the full.



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SALVOS SCHOOLS - PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Salvos Schools aims to empower school communities by educating students about how others their age are at risk, and equipping them to respond to social issues.

- The Caledonia Foundation’s funding of The Oasis & Salvos Schools was recognised as one of the top 50 philanthropic initiatives in Australian history.
- Since 2011, we have completed workshops and events for more than 300 schools and 40,000 participants.

In our presentation and workshops, students explore the following themes:

- The importance of building inclusive communities;
- How to support yourself and others through stressful situations;
- Mental health, family breakdown, abuse and alcohol/other drugs;
- Stereotypes, stigmas, attitudes and how they can contribute to inequality;
- Developing resilience and overcoming adversity;
- The importance of active citizens and community service opportunities;
- How the Salvos respond to social issues.

Where

Our team is based in Sydney but we can travel to other locations or use video applications to deliver workshops.

We can host presentations and workshops at your school, or organise a service visit to a Salvation Army centre of your choice.

Meet the facilitator

Bee Orsini is the Salvos Schools Coordinator but her role is more than a job, it’s a passion. She experienced homelessness for 12 months before receiving support from The Salvation Army.

She has spoken at events alongside the Dalai Lama, Cate Blanchett and Sir Richard Branson and is a TEDx speaker. She was recognised in the Top 100 Women of Influence awards in 2012, was NSW Young Australian of the Year finalist in 2014 and is a Youth Homelessness Matters Day Ambassador.

Bee is a not-to-be-missed presenter and facilitator who will motivate young people to recognise their potential to support themselves, others and their wider community.

To make a booking or enquiry, please contact the Salvos Schools Liaison:

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A list of the presentations and workshops we deliver can be found over the page.

(One-hundred per cent of funds go back into financing the Salvos Schools program and various Salvation Army services. Please note that if cost is an issue then we are happy to work something out with your school, so please don’t hesitate to contact us.)

“Your workshop was first class – very enjoyable, informative and highly professional. Your love, passion and enthusiasm for your work was evident to everyone.” – Teacher

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

The Salvation Army is proud to offer expert-facilitated educational presentations and workshops for secondary school students that align with learning outcomes. They have proven to be an engaging and eye-opening experience for students in a diverse range of public and independent schools.

●●● Presentation by Bee Orsini

THEMES:

- Youth homelessness testimonial
- Leadership

Students will hear a first hand account of youth homelessness and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Bee is also regularly requested to speak at Schools on the topic of leadership.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Suitable for middle and senior secondary students of Society and Environment (SOSE / HSIE) Values Education, Religion and Society, Community Development Studies, Year meetings and Social Justice committee meetings and Prefect meetings.

Presentation/Workshop:

●●● Youth Homelessness: An Introduction

AIMS

Youth Homelessness: An Introduction is an experience that provides students with an opportunity to understand and empathise with what it would be like to experience homelessness in Australia.

Students will learn about the statistics and facts of homelessness in Australia, different homelessness services, hear real stories, partake in open discussions and learn how to support someone at risk of and experiencing homelessness.

Students will gain a broader understanding of at risk groups within their community and feel better equipped to talk about and respond to homelessness.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Suitable for middle and senior secondary students of Society and Environment (SOSE / HSIE) Values Education, Religion and Society, Community Development Studies, Year meetings, Social Justice committee meetings and prefect meetings.

Year 5 to 10 Australian curriculum health and PE:

Year 5 and 6

ACPPS053
ACPPS054
ACPPS056
ACPPS057
ACPPS058
ACPPS060

Year 7 and 8

ACPPS072
ACPPS073
ACPPS075
ACPPS077
ACPPS078
ACPPS079

Year 9 and 10

ACPPS090
ACPPS091
ACPPS092
ACPPS093
ACPPS094
ACPPS096
ACPPS097
ACPPS098

NSW Year 9 and 10:

Personal development,
Health and Physical
Education
Outcome 5.3
Outcome 5.7

Presentation/Workshop:

●●● Youth Homelessness: Extension

AIMS

Youth homelessness is a growing social issue and there are lots of ways Schools and students can get involved and make a practical difference.

Students will learn about the current National response to homelessness in Australia and will gain new ideas, tools and an action plan which can be used to make an impact in their local community and align with the existing response to the issue.

We will provide an overview of the latest volunteering and campaign opportunities for School groups and individual students to take part in.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Same as previous

Presentation/Workshop:

●●● Social Justice Principles

AIMS

How are social justice issues identified? Is social justice more than a list of causes we support? How does social justice impact our everyday life and well-being?

This workshop will explore social justice principles and how students can incorporate these values into their daily themes such as peer inclusiveness, health and well-being and decision-making.

Values we will explore include:

- Including the excluded
- Challenging cultural practices
- Confronting the powerful
- Advocating for the oppressed

CURRICULUM LINKS

Same as previous

"Your visit to us was a real pleasure and left the kids on a natural high for quite some time. I really believe we all need to do whatever we can to get the message out to kids that they are not alone."
– Principal

"Thank you so much for guiding us through this experience; teaching us and sharing your own personal experiences. I really think it has changed my life."
– Student

FREEDOM PARTNERSHIP - MODERN SLAVERY PRESENTATIONS

The Freedom Partnership mobilises community, business and government to realise their contributions to modern slavery and take action to eradicate it. The Freedom Partnership champions collaborative, inclusive and networked strategies to address modern slavery.

Ending slavery requires collective action to dismantle the parts that make up the system of slavery. The Freedom Partnership school presentations empower and mobilise students through an exploration of the following topics:

1. Collaboration and leadership;
2. Mobilising communities to take action;
3. Empowering survivors to be advocates;
4. Engaging business and organisations to ensure they do not contribute to slavery;
5. Partnering with local, state, and territory governments on localised responses;
6. Advocacy for policy reform to improve Australia's national action plan on slavery.

The Freedom Partnership can present to your school, participate at events and support your school to take action.

Meet the facilitator

Laura Vidal is a social worker with a Master's degree in Human Rights Law & Policy. Laura was Senior Caseworker at Australia's only Safe House for Trafficking and Slavery for three years.

During 2013, Laura developed the case management program for asylum seekers and refugees on Nauru and Manus Island and is the Campaign Coordinator for The



Freedom Partnership, The Salvation Army's national initiative to end modern slavery.

Laura can share tools and information to equip communities to be aware and take action.

To make a booking, please contact:

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SAID - INTERNATIONAL AID PRESENTATIONS

The Salvation Army International Development (SAID) office provides community development and capacity-building in partnership with communities in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

As we are a worldwide movement, we are able to extend support to the farthest reaches of the world through locally based Salvos. Our aim is to work towards the alleviation of poverty.

The SAID office can provide:

- Dynamic teacher lesson plans and presentations;
- Engaging fundraising activities for students;
- Examples of real-life stories of people who have been helped out of poverty.

So much of the work we do is focused on helping children and their communities break the cycle of poverty. We are passionate about strengthening students' understanding of poverty, the issues experienced by communities in developing countries and to understand that they, too, can be part of making a difference.

To have a team member of the SAID office at your school, please contact the office on:

(02) 9266 9880
internationaldevelopment@
ae.salvationarmy.org



SALVOS STORES

salvosstores.salvos.org.au

Salvos Stores operate as a fully functioning retail business, recycling pre loved goods and relying heavily on the generosity of the public. All profits made from goods sold go to Salvation Army programs.

The first Salvation Army recycling depots were opened in Australia in 1880 and provided work, accommodation and food for men leaving prison - known as a "Prison Gate Brigade Home". From these humble beginnings The Salvation Army has developed a multi-million dollar recycling service. We currently operate the largest international network of collection centres, retail stores and recycled clothing export services.

We welcome School groups to learn about the operations of Salvos Stores.

To organise an excursion, please contact:

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TEACHING RESOURCES

All teaching resources are available to schools at no cost.



"I can't express how useful and easy the documentary and resources have been to explain an issue that is often so difficult to explain to young people." – Teacher

THE OASIS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

All schools provide an excellent environment for early detection of risk factors that lead to homelessness and family breakdown. Therefore schools also provide an excellent avenue to assist families and young people to access appropriate support services to prevent homelessness.

While homelessness is devastating when you're young it does not have to dictate a young person's future. The life of someone who has been raised in a supportive and loving family and that of someone who has left home at 14 does not have to be so different. But it is, and schools play an important role in addressing this issue and helping change a young person's life.

All study guides and teaching resources are available for free download at:

sharkislandproductions.com.au
and salvos.org.au/edu

For additional resources and support or if you have any questions and feedback, please contact:

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●●● **The Oasis** (88 minutes)

A feature documentary about Australia's homeless youth – tough kids from tough backgrounds living dangerous lives. These are the young people of Oasis.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES: • The Oasis Documentary study guide
• Short films from The Oasis study guide

CURRICULUM LINKS: Society and Environment (SOSE/HSIE), Values Education, Religion and Society, Health and Human Development, Community Development Studies, Psychology, English and Media Studies.

●●● **The Soldier** (30 minutes)

A devotee of the Salvation Army since his early 20s Ken Depena, now 82, is the quintessential soldier. Having chosen collecting as his ministry, he has spent over half a century trawling the establishments of the inner city with his little wooden box, raising money for the Army's good work.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES: Can be used as a follow up film to The Oasis Documentary

CURRICULUM LINKS: As above

●●● **Wall Boy** (22 minutes)

A shy, young runaway finds himself forced into sex work at the 'Wall' in Sydney. The boy's only respite is a quick break on board an outreach bus. A youth worker becomes ever more desperate to break through to him, before he spirals beyond the point of no return.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES: Wall Boy study guide

CURRICULUM LINKS: Society and Environment (SOSE/HSIE), Values Education, Religion and Society, Health and Human Development, Community Development Studies, Psychology, English and Media Studies.

●●● **Stories from the Inside** (30 minutes)

Stories From the Inside was filmed, edited and directed by first-time offenders in a maximum-security prison in Melbourne. The purpose of the documentary, as expressed by the young inmates who made it, was to stop other young people from making the same mistakes they made.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES: Stories From the Inside study guide

CURRICULUM LINKS: Year 10 & 11 English/Literature, Legal Studies and Media Studies, Civics and Citizenship, VCE Legal Studies.

●●● **Youth Homelessness Matters Teaching Resource**

(written by The Caledonia Foundation, Shark Island Productions, Reach Out! Teachers Network and Inspire Foundation)

AIMS

This resource is about raising awareness of youth homelessness, celebrating the resilience of young people who are experiencing homelessness in Australia and empowering the next generation of young people to take action to prevent youth homelessness in the future.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Australian Curriculum: English, Literacy Strand Year 9 and 10. NSW: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. QLD: Society and Environment. ACT: Essential learning achievement and content links at late adolescent stage of development.

●●● **Teaching Social Issues Through English**

(written by English Teachers Association and Shark Island Productions)

AIMS

The Teaching Social Issue through English resource references the Australian Curriculum: English, integrating the strands; Language, Literature and Literacy, in activities based on the documentary and on related literary texts. Students are also given extensive and detailed support in creating a documentary to raise community awareness on this social issue.

CURRICULUM LINKS

References the Australian Curriculum: English, integrating the strands, Language, Literature and Literacy, in activities based on the movie and on related literary texts.

●●● **Lesson plans**

11 classroom lesson plans

AIMS

The Oasis resource for Year 9 and 10 Health and Physical Education is focused on raising awareness of youth homelessness, celebrating the resilience of young people who are experiencing homelessness in Australia and empowering young people to take action to prevent youth homelessness in their local community.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Year 9 and 10 Australian Health and PE

ACPPS089	ACPPS091	ACPPS096
ACPPS090	ACPPS092	ACPPS097
ACPPS094	ACPPS093	
ACPPS098	ACPPS095	

Pakistan: Building Advanced Strong Sustainable Independent Communities (BASSIC) Project



THE SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We provide lesson plans in the areas of:

- Gender equality and the empowerment of women;
- Health education and combating of disease;
- Facilitation of education for children and adults;
- Child-focused community development;
- Improved access to clean water and sanitation;
- Livelihood and income-generation activities.

You can download the available school resources at: salvos.org.au/said

"Before, whenever I had to go into urban areas, I was unable to read the signs on the buses to know their destination. There were times where I wanted to go to Lahore (four hours north) but could not read which was the correct bus to take and ended up in Karachi (11 hours south). Now I can read so I know which bus or train to get on. Now I am also able to read the electricity bill. Before, we were unaware of how much we needed to pay and the due date of payment. My son is in the eighth grade. Now we can all check the homework of our children. I can read the marks he gets from school and they are good marks."

"We can read books, recipes, travel signs, advertisements, electricity bills and we know how to make a budget for the home. Every night we can check the homework of our children."

- Members of the Literacy Class,
Pakistan



Rwanda: The Salvation Army's Nyagatare Pre-school

FREEDOM PARTNERSHIP

Slavery in Australia – really?

- The Global Slavery Index (2013) estimates that 3200 people are enslaved in Australia.
- Australians contribute to the enslavement of 20.9 million people worldwide through products we consume and trade (International Labour Organisation, 2012).
- Slavery can occur in Australian industries such as in hospitality, beauty, cleaning, factory work, domestic work, construction, farming, sex work and retail.
- Early and forced marriages are considered to be a form of slavery and are against the law.

What is slavery?

People who are sold as objects, forced to work for little or no pay and are entirely under the control of their slaveholders. There are many characteristics that distinguish slavery from other human rights violations, however only one needs to be present for slavery to exist.

Someone is in slavery if they are:

- Forced to work through mental or physical threat;
- Owned or controlled by their employer, usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse;
- Dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as property;
- Physically constrained or have restrictions placed on their freedom of movement.



"It is time to unmask what is truly happening behind the closed doors of homes, that I myself call a prison cell. No one should ever be in that situation"
– Survivor & Salvation Army Freedom Advocate

Our website has community actions to end slavery: endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/community-toolkit/

Freedom Partnership staff can support individual school groups to get involved. We would love to hear from you: endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org

Professional development can be offered to school staff to assist in identifying and responding to slavery and exploitation within student communities.

To discuss, call 02 9266 9762 or email: endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org



HOPE FOR LIFE

Each year, more people die by suicide than in car accidents. The tragedy of suicide claims the lives of more than 2500 Australians each year (2012 ABS Census).

The grief, confusion and anguish that comes from losing someone you love – whether a family member, friend or colleague – is devastating. For every person who dies, another eight people are directly affected by this loss. Suicide directly affects more than 16,000 Australians every year.

The Hope for Life Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Support provides information, resources and training for those who need it; those supporting others at risk of suicide or those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

QPR Suicide Prevention

QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) is a free online training program that takes only 60 minutes to complete.

Just as people trained in CPR help save thousands of lives each year, people trained

in QPR learn how to recognise the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to Question, Persuade and Refer someone to help.

QPR training includes:

- Myths and facts about suicide;
- Some warning signs of suicide;
- How to apply QPR;
- How to offer hope and support to others.

QPR was written by Dr Paul Quinnett, PhD., a clinical psychologist and trainer with more than 35 years experience. The training can be accessed easily through our online course and the material is user-friendly, engaging and easy to digest.

Find out more about QPR Suicide Prevention at: suicideprevention.salvos.org.au



FUNDRAISING

If your school generously chooses to host a fundraising event or campaign for the Salvos, please let us know by contacting:

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"The students and I found it an extremely eye-opening and inspiring experience and we are determined to promote the Red Shield Appeal within our school. The students were especially moved by Nathan's story and the fact that he had been the vice-captain of his school prior to living on the streets. This particular fact really resonated with them."
– Principal



RED SHIELD APPEAL

The Red Shield Appeal is The Salvation Army's primary annual fundraising drive.

The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock takes place on the last weekend of May and offers Australians from all walks of life a chance to not only get behind the Salvos but to be part of transforming the lives of people right around the country. This year, the doorknock will be held on 30-31 May.

For 150 years, The Salvation Army has used the Red Shield Appeal to raise much-needed funds for those in our community who are disadvantaged. We need 100,000 volunteers across Australia to generously give up their time and join us on the frontline.

We couldn't do this work without the fantastic level of support from schools and their students. By volunteering and generously sharing their time to help us, students are rewarded with a sense of personal satisfaction and fulfilment.

The Red Shield Appeal is more than raising funds. We are passionate about connecting students to their local community, strengthening their understanding of community issues and services, helping young people to support themselves and others and providing leadership-development opportunities.

If your school is interested in an activity that changes lives and communities, here are some ways you can be involved:

- Include the dates of the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock in your school calendars and newsletters;
- Encourage students to be involved in the doorknock and/or the Red Shield Youth Project;
- Invite a Salvos representative to address a school assembly in the lead up to the doorknock weekend;
- Include a community work component such as the doorknock within your curriculum.

Red Shield Youth Project

In the lead up to the Doorknock weekend, Year 11 and 12 students and their teachers are invited to experience a Salvation Army service/centre firsthand, meet and hear from people who have been assisted by The Salvation Army and participate in educational activities.

Events run annually throughout April and May. Visit our school events page for the latest information on dates, locations and to register:
salvos.org.au/schoolevents

THE COUCH PROJECT

“Raising awareness of hidden homelessness”

It's not a sleepover if you can't go home.

The Couch Project is a fundraising and awareness campaign held in Winter each year which aims to combat youth homelessness through educating students on the dangers of couch surfing. The Couch Project is an opportunity for students to take action.

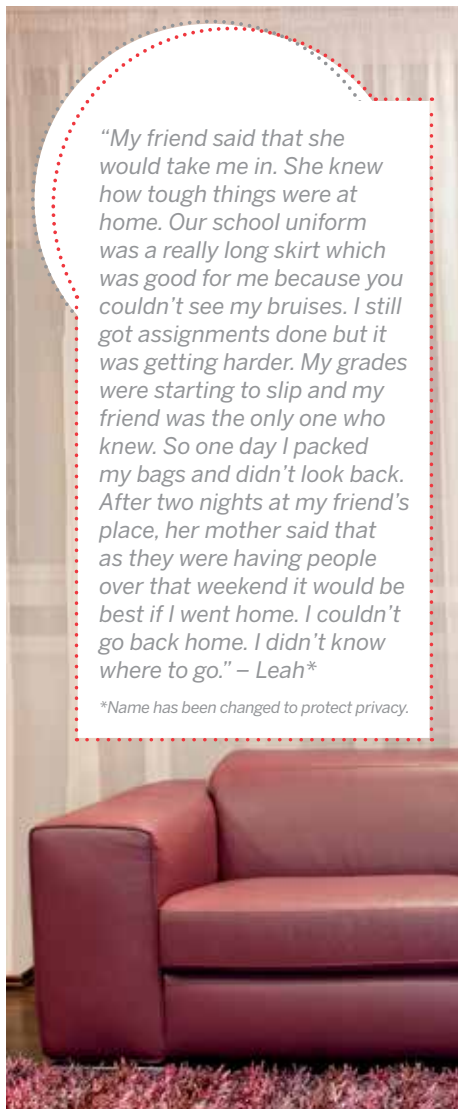
When a young person thinks that their home is no longer a safe place, they tend to go to and stay at a mate's place. While it's a little less scary than sleeping rough on the streets, it's just as dangerous. Eventually they will run out of couches to sleep on and end up sleeping on the couches of friends of friends, dealers, or worse.

This is a reality for 44,083 young people in Australia (under 24 years of age). It is hidden homelessness and it is a downward spiral of instability.

Funds raised through The Couch Project go directly towards providing services and programs for homeless youth across Australia.

Student opportunities to get involved in The Couch Project:

- Spend a night on your couch and get your family and friends to sponsor you;
- Organise a sleepover at a friend's place and get sponsored for sleeping on their couch;
- Organise a mass sleepout or movie night at school to fundraise for The Couch Project.



*“My friend said that she would take me in. She knew how tough things were at home. Our school uniform was a really long skirt which was good for me because you couldn't see my bruises. I still got assignments done but it was getting harder. My grades were starting to slip and my friend was the only one who knew. So one day I packed my bags and didn't look back. After two nights at my friend's place, her mother said that as they were having people over that weekend it would be best if I went home. I couldn't go back home. I didn't know where to go.” – Leah**

*Name has been changed to protect privacy.

Pledge to spend a night on the couch at:
thecouchproject.com.au

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“I came to Australia and fell to nothing overnight; I even lost the heart to survive. The Safe House helped me when I was in trouble. They provided me a safe place to stay, gave me clothes, helped me get my visa and start my new life”
– Survivor.

THE FREEDOM PARTNERSHIP

The Freedom Partnership supports victims of trafficking and slavery in Australia, ensuring they get the right help at the right time. Support is fully funded by community donations. There are two ways of offering that support to victims in Australia.

The Salvation Army Trafficking and Slavery Safe House

The Salvation Army Trafficking and Slavery Safe House operates entirely on community donations and is the only service of its kind in Australia. Just \$50 provides one week of emergency food support to a resident with no income and \$30,000 supports a room in the Safe House for one year. Any contribution makes a difference.

The Freedom Fund

The Freedom Fund supports victims to access basic services such as shelter, transport, food and emergency medical care nationwide when no other support is available. Most people escape their slavery situation without police and need a safe place where they can consider their options. Sometimes, this can take weeks, creating a gap period where victims may be turned away from services. This creates a risk of re-exploitation, homelessness and hopelessness. Help us ensure that safe and professional support is available for people escaping slavery until they are able to access more formal supports.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Ways your school can get involved:

- Run an event to support the Salvos like a Christmas concert, Christmas movie marathon, garage sale, car wash or Christmas tree decoration stall;
- Donate gifts to the Kmart Wishing Tree or organise for them to be picked up from school;
- Instead of gifts for Christmas, students and teachers can ask friends and family to give a gift that makes a lasting difference for others

For more information, go to salvos.org.au/Christmas

-  **\$20** buys Christmas lunch for one person
-  **\$50** ensures a child wakes up with a present on Christmas morning
-  **\$60** provides a Christmas food hamper for a family of four
-  **\$99** means one person can spend Christmas Eve in a bed
-  **\$420** provides financial counselling for 12 families to deal with the stress of Christmas bills piling up
-  **\$1000** pays for a child to attend a one week summer camp



HEART FOR LONELY BECOMES CHRISTMAS TRADITION

The Salvation Army's presence in the Sydney north-west suburb of Macquarie Park has been life-changing for Anne and many in her community.

When Anne and her husband moved to Macquarie Park in the late 1980s, it was not considered an ideal community to raise their three children. Social problems such as vandalism, graffiti, theft and drugs kept police busy. A less obvious, but growing problem, was social isolation.

But Anne also saw hope.

"The Salvation Army would come around to the community, bringing bread for residents and taking young people to youth group, to help to get them off the streets," she says.

Anne had always wanted to find out more, but her husband didn't want to get involved and their marriage began to suffer.

When their third child was just seven weeks old, Anne's husband left. One of the first places Anne turned to was The Salvation Army.

Anne began attending Salvation Army church services and her children quickly became involved in various activities. Life, for the meantime, seemed to be heading down a positive, hopeful road. However, as each Christmas loomed, Anne began struggling with feelings of loneliness.

"Every other time of the year you can cope. But at Christmas there is just something about being alone with kids that makes you feel more alone," she says.

One Christmas, when Anne only had one of her children for the day, she jumped on a bus and headed to the city, hoping that would make her feel less lonely. That trip was a turning point.

She suddenly realised she wasn't alone in her feelings. There were many people in society who were also lonely at Christmas. Then an idea hit her – maybe she could do something, even if just in her community, to meet this need.

Anne decided to host a Christmas Eve dinner at her house. "It came from knowing what it was like to be alone, and thinking that there must be other people out there who must feel the same. So I thought, let's do something about it," she says.

The first year, she had eight people at her house for Christmas Eve dinner. Over the past 11 years the number has grown, and last year she lost count after 40 people had come through her front door. "Now, in a way, it's become a tradition," she says.



THE SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (SAID) OFFICE

Your school can give people in developing countries a future and opportunities that they otherwise may not have had without your support.

Examples of activities students can be part of:

Salvos Gifts

Salvos Gifts is one of the simplest, yet most effective ways to donate towards the work of the SAID office. Buy anything from a hand-washing kit to a pig, school rainwater tank to a veggie garden. Students can raise funds to donate tangible gifts overseas on behalf of the school. Schools can also use Salvos Gifts as unique presents for staff, or promote to families in an upcoming newsletter.

The Chick Effect

This Easter, we would like to encourage people to take part in The Chick Effect. This can be done by donating funds through the purchase of a chicken or other agricultural products, or by organising a community fundraising event such as an 'Eggcellent Breakfast'.

The funds collected through The Chick Effect campaign will go towards a Livestock Keeping Project in the communities of Penagoberi, Sartaguda and Tudubali in India. This project will benefit more than 500 people who live in these communities where war has been witnessed, women's rights are lacking and poverty is prevalent.

Salvos Sponsorship

Our sponsorship program is based on giving all children freedom through the power of a community. Our sponsorship goal is to be community builders. Building communities where children can grow and develop holistically is paramount to the reduction of poverty. For this reason we aim to implement programs that are child-focused, relationship-based and sustainable. These projects focus on helping children by working alongside and empowering communities to lift themselves out of poverty. The Salvos Sponsorship program helps provide children, their family and community with nutritional meals, access to clean drinking water sources, toilets, health care, education, training and equipment, microcredit finance, livestock and disability facilities.

Visit salvos.org.au/said for more info.



YOUR LOCAL SALVOS

Each Salvos has individual needs and opportunities so we encourage you get in touch with your local Salvation Army if you would like to partner with and support a centre close to your school.

You can search by postcode on the homepage of our website salvos.org.au to find the Salvos in your local community.



VOLUNTEERING AND ADVOCACY



The Salvation Army heavily relies on volunteers and could not operate without them. We have the capacity to host small to large supervised school groups. Whether your students are serving on the frontline or behind the scenes in administration, they are directly supporting our community members and have an opportunity to broaden their understanding and empathy towards social issues and the people behind them.

Volunteer opportunities available

The Salvation Army can use volunteer help right across the organisation, including areas such as:

- Preparing and serving food;
- Typing, clerical, mailroom and reception work;
- Events;
- Research and marketing;
- Fundraising;
- Serving in stores;
- Accompanying aged care or other clients on excursions;
- Playing music;
- Mentoring and encouraging.

Contact your local Salvation Army to find out about the latest volunteer opportunities and needs. You can search by postcode on the homepage of our website salvos.org.au to find the Salvos in your local community.

We encourage you to get in touch if you would like to partner with and support a centre close to your school.



STUMP

Plenty of people want to do something about poverty and injustice, but knowing where to start is often the hardest part. STUMP is a project organised by the team at Streetlevel which helps equip young people with practical learning and hands on experience to sustainably do life with some of Australia's poor and marginalised in their own backyard. The project runs throughout the year as a 1-5 day experience with a program to suit. STUMP is an opportunity to get exposed to real social issues and the people who face these issues every day.

Examples of activities your students can be part of:

- Serving and getting to know the community through practical means (preparing meals, connecting with community) in a safe environment
- Get educated about the issues and how to respond by attending specialist training and workshops on a range of issues
- Participating in a guided street walk to see first hand some of the issues and challenges facing members of the community in an urban setting.

To find out more about STUMP, please contact the team at Streetlevel on:

(02) 9360 1710
sydneystreetlevel@ae.salvationarmy.org



THE FREEDOM PARTNERSHIP

Take Action to End Slavery

The easiest way to be part of a chain of good is to take the Freedom Pledge:

Go to: endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/pledge

It's a measurable commitment, but it really takes no time at all and isn't that hard. There's a bit of clicktivism and sharing involved, but we know from personal experience that clicking on campaign petitions contributes to the downfall of slavery.

The Freedom Partnership has a variety of volunteering opportunities that come up throughout the year. If you would like to be informed of volunteering opportunities, please email us: endslavery@ae.salvationarmy.org or like us on Facebook: facebook.com/partner4freedom



SALVOS AMBASSADOR MOVEMENT (CURRENTLY SYDNEY ONLY)

The next generation of history makers

Salvos Ambassador Movement (SAM) is a 12-month leadership development opportunity for students 15 years and over. Students learn about and participate in The Salvation Army's response to social issues. SAM is an extra-curricular opportunity with fortnightly meetings held after school and during holidays.

Core elements of the initiative include:

- SAM Bootcamp (three-day leadership development camp);
- Specialist training and workshops;
- Volunteering opportunities and local mission trips;
- Event and campaign development;
- Public speaking and advocacy for social issues;
- Providing advice to The Salvation Army.

Applications to be a youth ambassador are open annually from March to May. Students can find out more and apply here: salvos.org.au/edu



"So far, I've learnt that this program has provided me with the opportunity to reach out, not only with my friends and teachers at school, but also helped me gain a better understanding of homelessness in Australia (and in general)."



"Knowing there are so many other passionate youths and inspirational mentors is truly heart-warming and encourages me to keep fighting to make a positive difference in the community and beyond. To be honest, this is even better than I expected as the projects and events we are working on are so high-scale and life-changing. Thank you so much!"

CAREERS ADVISOR

The Salvation Army offers a wide range of accredited and non-accredited courses in many areas, including:

- Leadership and management
- Christian ministry
- Theology
- Counselling
- Pastoral care
- Youth work
- Hospitality

Campuses are primarily located in Sydney, however a number of courses are offered via distance education.



EDIFY

Edify is about young people finding freedom, so they can help other young people find freedom.

The Salvation Army partners with Praxis to deliver the Praxis Youth Work Diploma. It is a faith-based two-year accredited course for young people aged 18-28. It involves:

- Two-day placements with NSW and ACT Salvo centres to experience both youth and community-based activities.
- Four residential block courses held at the beginning of each term to introduce modules where learning is based on action and reflection.
- Weekly class days for lectures, catch-up and visits to schools to run programs and mentor youth.
- Each student is supported by the Edify co-ordinator, a mentor, placement co-ordinator and the Praxis staff.

To find out more about Edify, please contact:

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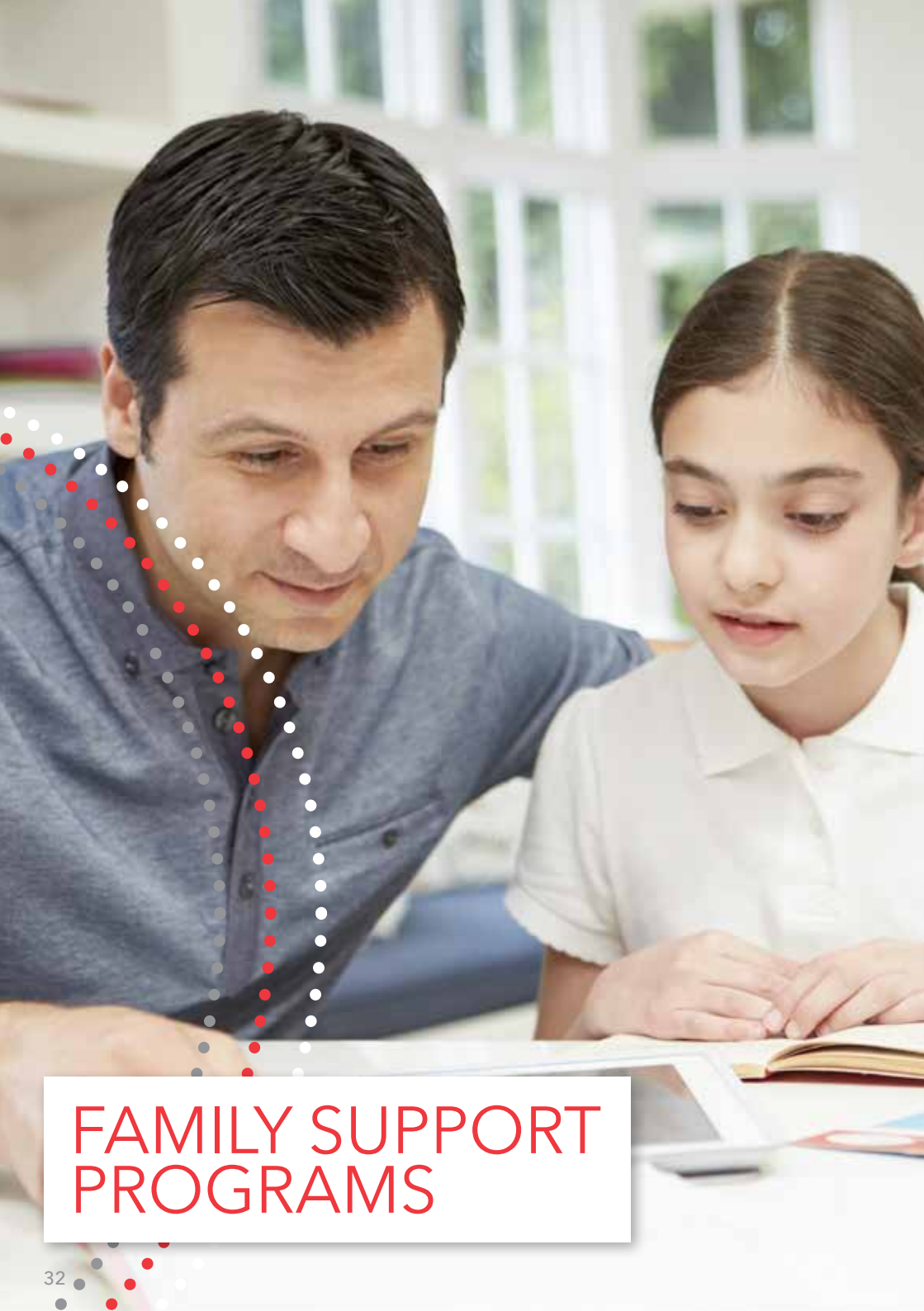


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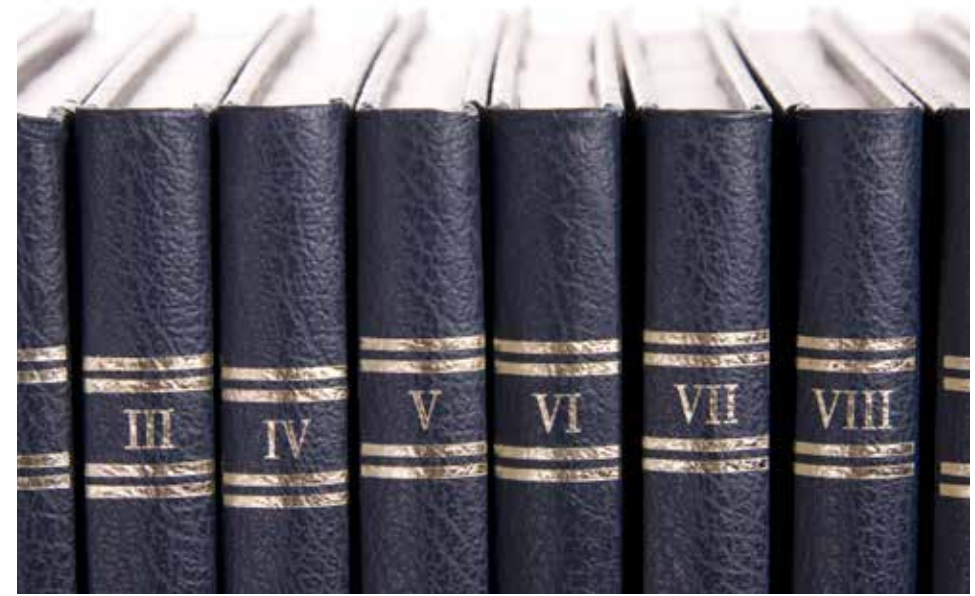
We offer work placements in a variety of our services where your students can gain experience in a professional environment and make a difference at the same time.

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FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS



SALVOS LEGAL

Salvos Legal provides quality commercial and property law advice. However, all of its fees (less expenses) fund a 'legal aid' sister firm, Salvos Legal Humanitarian, which is a full-service fee-free law firm for the disadvantaged and marginalised. Both firms represent a social enterprise model which is wholly owned by The Salvation Army.

Salvos Legal and Salvos Legal Humanitarian Partners are hand-picked specialists in commercial and property law, having worked in national/top-tier firms and/or corporate in-house legal departments. In 2014, Salvos Legal was awarded Australia's Law Firm of the Year.

Your school may be interested in:

- Researching Salvos Legal for assignments;
- Support for students and families in need.
- Salvos Legal Humanitarian can provide free advice about legal issues involving any of the following:
 - Police matters;
 - Debt;
 - Neighbourhood disputes;
 - Centrelink matters;
 - Family law;
 - Housing matters;
 - DOCS/FACS;
 - Family migration and refugee matters.

For more information, go to salvoslegal.com.au



EMPLOYMENT PLUS

The Salvation Army Employment Plus is one of Australia’s largest government-funded employment services, finding quality employees for businesses at no cost.

Employment Plus provides job seekers with access to specialised training, work experience and a range of support services. We also work closely with businesses across all sectors, finding the right people to fill various needs.

As a not-for-profit organisation, any surplus funds are directed back into The Salvation

Army’s social programs – providing relief to the homeless, the underprivileged, victims of disaster and many other local programs that make a difference in people’s lives.

Your school may be interested in referring school leavers to Employment Plus.

For more information, go to employmentplus.com.au



MONEYCARE

The Salvation Army’s Moneycare service provides:

- Free and confidential in depth financial counselling casework
- No interest loans for essential items where safe affordable credit is not available;
- “You’re the boss” personal financial management workbook;
- Financial literacy training to groups.

Workbooks, tools and more information can be accessed at: salvos.org.au/moneycare



••• Kids Helpline

"We care and we listen, for any time and for any reason." Free 24/7 phone counselling, email counselling and web counselling."

1800 551 000
kidshelp.com.au

••• Suicide Call Back Service

The Suicide Call Back Service is a 24-hour, nationwide service that provides telephone and online counselling to people 15 years and over who fit one of the following categories:

- People who are suicidal;
- People caring for someone who is suicidal;
- People bereaved by suicide;
- Health professionals supporting people affected by suicide.

1300 659467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

••• Reach Out

Australia's leading online youth mental health service, where you can get the help you need, where and when you need it. On its website, students can find:

- Factsheets, stories and videos;
- Information;
- Guides, tools and apps;
- Forums.

reachout.com

••• Headspace

Headspace offers specific services for people aged 12-25 going through a tough time. We can help with all sorts of issues like relationship break-ups, exam stress, peer pressure, bullying and depression. Whatever the issue is, you can count on our support.

headspace.org.au

••• Headspace centres

Headspace centres have been created because we believe young people need services designed especially for them. Students between 12-25 who are having a tough time or know someone who is can visit one of 55 headspace centres across Australia.

headspace.org.au/headspace-centres

••• Homelessness Australia

Student centre for student assignments, contact information and advice for at-risk students.

homelessnessaustralia.org.au

••• Modern Slavery Assistance

For confidential advice call The Freedom Partnership. We can assist in referring to specialist services.

(02) 9266 9762

••• QLife

QLife is Australia's first nationally oriented counselling and referral service for people of diverse sex, genders and sexualities.

1800 184 527
Online counselling: qlife.org.au

••• 1800RESPECT

National sexual assault and domestic family violence counselling service.

1800 737 732
Online counselling: 1800respect.org.au

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