



Hutt St Centre

**WALK A MILE  
IN MY BOOTS**

# School engagement handbook **2025**





**Together, we're ending**

# homelessness

For more than 7,400 people experiencing homelessness in South Australia, the cold winter months are the most dangerous time of year.

But when you step up for [Walk a Mile in My Boots](#) you're reminding people doing it tough that they're not alone.

For seventeen years, Walk a Mile in My Boots has united people across the state in a common purpose: raising vital funds to support people to rebuild their lives and end homelessness.

Your support enables Hutt St Centre to remain a place of connection and support for more than 2,000 people take on their journey out of homelessness each year.

**And, best of all, you can help give someone in need the chance of a fresh start, when they need it the most.**



Times are tough – people right across South Australia are feeling the pressure from the cost of living crisis.

We know this because visits to Hutt St Centre have grown by **15% since last winter**. It's heartbreaking to think how many people are struggling in our community right now.

Statistics based on data from 23–24 Financial Year.



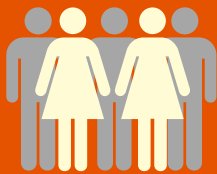
**7,428**  
people

are experiencing  
homelessness in South  
Australia (2021 Census)



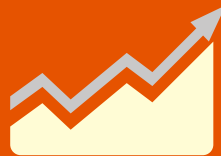
**2,221**  
people

walked through our doors  
seeking help, including 991  
new people



**31%**  
of people

seeking our help are  
women and 69% are men



**7%**  
growth in

unique visitors accessing  
our services



Up to  
**54%**

of new visitors last year  
had never been to  
Hutt St Centre before



**60%**  
of people

are rough sleeping  
when they first come  
to us for help

**Your school can step up this August  
and make a life-changing difference**



♥ We are asking your school up step up ♥

**and go the extra mile!**

Round up your teachers and schoolmates and join us along with thousands of South Australians stepping up to help end homelessness.

Come together with our amazing community on Friday 8 August and walk with thousand others in a powerful moment of solidarity.

Or, do Walk a Mile in My Boots your way by walking on your school grounds or in your local area anytime during challenge week, 4–10 August — whatever works best for your students and school community.

It's not only a great learning experience, but a chance to brave the cold and show your support for people doing it tough this winter.

**Step up for over 7,400 people experiencing homelessness in South Australia.**

**Register now**



## Three simple steps get involved in

## Walk a Mile in My Boots



### **Sign up and inspire your schoolmates**

Choose a team captain and register online, then invite schoolmates and teachers to join your Walk a Mile team.



### **Raise funds and help change lives**

Fundraising keeps Hutt St Centre's doors open for people in need to find a warm welcome and support.



### **Walk a mile to help end homelessness**

Join the movement and support the 7,400 people experiencing homelessness in South Australia.

## Three top tips to up your school's

## fundraising game



### **Lead the way and self donate**

Your supporters are more likely to give generously when they see your commitment. Remember to thank them for their support!



### **Get social and share your journey**

Share your school fundraising page across your social platforms, showing your followers that you're taking part in something special!



### **Use our fundraising tools**

When it comes to fundraising tools, we have got you! Access promotional materials including social media tiles, posters, and more right [here!](#)



# How to do **Walk a Mile in My Boots** your school's way

Organise a walk around your school oval or neighbourhood block. You can do this as a class group – or make an impact and invite whole school to take part!

Cabra Dominican College students spelled “Hutt St” in their team photo. Great idea!



Run a school market day to raise funds. Popular items include friendship bracelets, cookies, brownies, arcade games – your imagination is the limit!

McLaren Vale Primary School run a market day each year, in 2024 the market sales raised over \$6,700!



Get crafty! Learn how to create your very own Walk a Mile bunting, DIY signs, bracelets, and more with our new school craft resources. Find them online.



Request a speaker from Hutt St Centre to talk at your school to learn about homelessness and how your school is making a difference.

Contact Jacinta to arrange a talk at [fundraising@huttstcentre.org.au](mailto:fundraising@huttstcentre.org.au)



Okay, we're **registered** and **fundraising**...

**Join us on Friday 8 August**

Walk a Mile in My Boots brings together thousands of South Australians to walk in solidarity alongside people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

The challenge culminates in our community event on Friday 8 August, 2025.

This event is more than just a walk; it's a powerful statement of community, empathy, and action.

By coming along you are helping to raise awareness homelessness and supporting the Hutt St Centre to continue to provide essential services and support to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

- Date: Friday 8 August
- Time: 7:00am to 9:00am
- Where: Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Grandstand)
- FREE hot breakfast following the walk
- Wear orange and your Walk a Mile merchandise







Are you ready to take  
the next **step?**



Meet your School Cheerleader!  
Contact Jacinta at [0424 257 501](tel:0424257501)  
or [jacintam@huttstcentre.org.au](mailto:jacintam@huttstcentre.org.au)

Need a little more inspo? Join our [Walk a Mile in My Boots Facebook Group](#)! Connect with like-minded legends to gain fundraising ideas, training tips and support throughout your challenge.

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