

# SCHOOL HANDBOOK



**STEP UP  
THIS AUGUST  
TO HELP END  
HOMELESSNESS**

+Hutt St Centre-

**WALK A MILE  
IN MY BOOTS**

**7 AUGUST 2026**

**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 eighteen years, Walk a Mile in My Boots has united people across South Australia in a common purpose: raising awareness and vital funds to support people experiencing homelessness.

Your support enables Hutt St Centre to remain a place of connection and support for more than 2,000 people to 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.**



**TOGETHER,  
WE'RE ENDING  
HOMELESSNESS IN SA**

# 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 24-25 Financial Year.



**7,428**

people are experiencing homelessness in South Australia (2021 Census)



**2,237**

people walked through our doors seeking help, including 991 new people



**74%**

people are rough sleeping when they first come to us for help



**37%**

of people seeking help are women



**42%**

growth in demand for our services over last four years



**49%**

of visitors are aged over 45 years old

## STEP UP TO MAKE A LIFE-CHANGING DIFFERENCE

## 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 7 August** and walk with thousands of others in a powerful moment of solidarity.

Or, take on Walk a Mile in My Boots your way by walking on your school grounds or in your local area anytime during challenge week (**3–9 August**) — whatever works best for your students and school community.

It's a meaningful way for students to learn about homelessness, build empathy and brave the cold in support of people doing it tough this winter.

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



# WE'RE ASKING YOUR SCHOOL TO GO THE EXTRA MILE

# SIX SIMPLE STEPS TO GET INVOLVED IN WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS



## Sign up and inspire your schoolmates

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



## Walk a mile to help end homelessness

Support the 7,400 people experiencing homelessness in SA



## Lead the way and self donate

Inspire others by your generosity



## Get social and share your journey

Show your followers that you're taking part in something special!



## Use the new fundraising tools

Access materials like social media tiles, posters, and more [here!](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [walkamile.org.au](https://www.walkamile.org.au)

## How to run Walk a Mile in My Boots at your own school.

Organise to walk around your school oval, or neighbourhood to show your schools support. You can walk anytime, but most schools walk during National Homelessness Week from 3-7 August,

Request a speaker from Hutt St Centre to talk at your school to learn about homelessness and how your school is making a difference by stepping up for Walk a Mile in My Boots. Request a talk [here](#).

Get crafty with your class! Create your very own Walk a Mile bunting, DIY signs, bracelets, and more with our new school craft resources. Find them in the School Activity Book.

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



**YOUR SCHOOL**  
**YOUR WALK A MILE**  
**YOUR IMPACT**

# GET READY TO STEP UP ON FRIDAY 7 AUGUST



## Join us from 7am to 9am

Set an early alarm, join the walk with thousands and be back at school in time.



## Meet up at Victoria Park

Meet at the Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Grandstand. Visit the Schools Tent for any help on the day.



## Wear your kindness with pride

Wear your Walk a Mile merchandise to show people facing homelessness that they are not alone.



## Free hot breakfast!

Stick around for a hot breakfast roll - delicious!



## Celebrate with post-walk activities

There will be plenty of fun activities to enjoy after the walk.



## You're amazing! Thank you.

Thank you for stepping up for the 7,000+ people in South Australia without a home.

# YOUR SCHOOL'S PRESENCE HAS A LASTING IMPACT



# ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

**Meet your School  
Cheerleader!**



Contact Jacinta at [0424 257 501](tel:0424257501)  
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