



treasure boxes
GIVING GOODS TO KIDS IN NEED

school compassion program

Treasure Boxes offers an educational, fun opportunity to integrate the Australian Curriculum into a real-world, hands-on learning experience.



About Treasure Boxes

Treasure Boxes Inc is a not-for-profit, volunteer-powered organisation that distributes new and pre-loved baby goods and nursery equipment to families in desperate need. Our mission is to reduce the number of babies and children living in severe poverty in South Australia and ensure that every baby and child has the essentials they need for optimum wellbeing.

By providing high quality, vital items such as clothing, shoes and toys to families, we relieve financial hardship and redirect limited funds to buy food, pay rent and help to keep families surviving and thriving. Our service ensures safety and wellbeing for all vulnerable children in South Australia living in poverty (23,500 children as at 2019) as well as reduce substantial strain on our environment by recycling thousands of tonnes of goods that would otherwise end up in landfill.

Meet Rikki - our founder

Rikki Cooke is a registered social worker and has a Bachelor of Behavioural Science degree with a Masters in Social Work majoring in Grief, Loss and Trauma. Rikki is also an Emergency Care Worker with the Department for Child Protection as well as a full-time foster carer.

Her driving force is caring for and advocating for children in crisis who have faced a lifetime of childhood trauma and disadvantage, to give them and their families a fighting chance of creating a better life for themselves in their crucial developmental years.



Treasure Boxes and the Australian Curriculum

If you are looking for authentic opportunities to integrate the Australian Curriculum General Capabilities and Cross-Curriculum Priorities into learning, volunteering with Treasure Boxes provides the perfect context to explore:

Personal and Social Capability

- Recognise emotions
- Recognise personal qualities and achievements
- Develop reflective practice
- Work independently and show initiative
- Appreciate diverse perspectives
- Contribute to civil society
- Work collaboratively
- Develop leadership skills

Ethical Understanding

- Recognise ethical concepts
- Explore ethical concepts in context
- Reflect on ethical action
- Explore rights and responsibilities

Sustainability Cross-Curriculum Priority

The Treasure Boxes School Compassion Program can enact and explore the Sustainability Priority through learning opportunities created by giving pre-loved goods to children in need, saving the goods from going to landfill and promoting environmental sustainability.

Contribution

Treasure Boxes kindly asks for a tax-deductible contribution to support children in need. The cost is \$12 (plus GST) per student for groups of up to 25 children at a time. NOTE: For primary students, we require supervision of 1 adult to 5 children ratio.

The program consists of three components:

1. Meet Rikki at your school

The program begins with a session at your school with our founder/CEO, Rikki Cooke. A 30 minute engaging, interactive and age specific session will help students understand the importance of not-for-profits and the impact they can have within the local community.

2. Pack a Treasure Box

The students will visit our warehouse in Edwardstown and take part in a range of fun and focused activities designed to help them connect with the babies, children and families in South Australia we support. Students will have the opportunity to see our operation in action, meet our passionate team of volunteers and ask any questions.

3. Fundraise

Treasure Boxes encourage students to create their own school fundraiser to further support the cause they have recently learned about. The aim is to encourage a proactive attitude that further encourages their drive to make a difference to children just like themselves, but with different circumstances. Our Events and Marketing team can work with you to bring your fundraising ideas to life with posters, information and support.

Are you eager to join us?

If you have any further questions or would like to make a booking please go to <https://treasureboxes.org.au/schools> to complete the online form and one of our volunteers will be in touch.

