



Vinnies Winter Appeal & School Sleepouts



Thank you to the many schools who have donated and help School Sleepouts with generous support of people experiencing homelessness this Winter.

It is not too late to get involved, if your school would like to host a School Sleepout, please [register online](#) to create your fundraising page. Limited edition Sleepout badges are also available to be [ordered online](#). Schools may invite a local Vinnies Conference representative to speak at your event and/or a teacher facilitated presentation can also be provided.

Schools donating food and other materials are kindly asked to contact their local Vinnies Conference, Vinnies Support Centre, or the nominated Vinnies Service receiving the items to arrange logistical support.

Vinnies Community Sleepouts



Parents and teachers – will you register today to help save lives? The Vinnies Community Sleepout is being held on Friday 25th August. If you are over 18, will you take part in the Vinnies [Western Sydney Community Sleepout](#) at Western Sydney University, Rydalmere and brave a cold winter's night for those in need?

One night – braving the cold, or the noise, or the lights – to support those in our community for which this is a frightening reality. It just takes one night for you to change lives.

Need a Hand Up?



Vinnies Support Centres are client-centred support and referral services operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society with face-to-face support to those who require financial, food or other material assistance.

The support teams will work with you to offer the best possible support for your needs and link you in with Vinnies' Conference home visitation teams or Vinnies Services.

Please share this information and our [Vinnies Support Hotline](#) (13 18 12) with your school community.

Vincentian Spiritual Reflections Podcast

This contemporary channel supports Conference & Youth Members and others engaged with the works of the Society in spiritual formation.

Have a listen today 😊

Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3XFWTQI> Apple Podcasts: <https://apple.co/3D6i9oI>

School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

Vinnies is pleased to be a nominating organisation for the Australian Government's School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI).

The [SSBI](#) aims to provide free home internet for one year for nominated eligible families with school aged students that currently do not have a National Broadband Network connection at home.

To nominate a family, see eligibility criteria at <https://bit.ly/3NuRgzM> and contact your Vinnies Schools Engagement Officer for more details.

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Winter Appeal

Vinnies Winter Appeal Schools Kit and Resources

→ <https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/winterappeal>

Vinnies School Sleepout and Fundraising Portal

→ <https://fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/create-your-own-vinnies-school-sleepout>

School Resources

Vinnies Schools and Social Justice Resources

(including Mini Vinnies Starter Kit and Vinnies High School Conference Starter Kit, Spirituality Guides)

→ <https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/resources>

Book a School Social Justice Workshop

→ <https://bit.ly/vinnieschoolbookings>

Enrol in the Mini Vinnies Formation Program

→ <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

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Vinnies Badges, Certificates, and Merchandise Orders

→ <https://bit.ly/vinniesmetroschoolsmerch2023>

Vinnies Uluru Statement from the Heart Schools Kit

→ youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/fromtheheartschoolskit

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Vinnies Metro Schools & Youth Team attended the Cumberland City Council Youth Week event “Connect, Participate, Celebrate” held at The Granville Centre in April.

Youth from local high schools, TAFE, university, and young workers attended an evening of community connection, fun activities, and outreach with local support services.

(Left: Vinnies Youth stall in Cumberland Youth Week)

Vinnies Metro Schools Team collaborated with Youth Off the Streets in the Canterbury-Bankstown Council area for Youth Homelessness Matters Day in April.

Working with the Bankstown Vinnies Support Centre, local youth from disadvantaged backgrounds were given food hampers and winter woollies.

(Right: Vinnies stall in Bankstown Paul Keating Park)



Vinnies Youth NSW and Metro Youth were interviewed by Soul Gen (Community Development Practitioner Dimitrios Papalexis) about the benefits of volunteering.

Vinnies Youth will be included in an upcoming documentary being produced by the Centre for Volunteering.

(Left: Soul Gen with Vinnies Youth members and staff)



UNSW Vinnies won an award for best Orientation Week stall on campus. Thank you to our university student conference members for supporting Vinnies and recruiting new members!

We are grateful for the work of all our university conferences across their many initiatives in support of Vinnies.

(Right: UNSW Vinnies Conference stall at O-Week)



Notre Dame University Vinnies held a free book swap with each book wrapped so that students could pick a book without judging the cover first.

The idea of the day was to promote volunteer programs like Van services, where we serve food to communities that often feel judged at first glance.

(Left: Notre Dame Vinnies Conference Book Swap on campus)



Vinnies Metro Schools Team attended the Cumberland Council Jobs & Youth Expo promoting Vinnies volunteering opportunities and support services for unemployed persons.

Delighted to have received expressions of interest for Vinnies Retail, Buddies Day, Night Patrol, Vinnies Support Centres etc.

(Right: Thank you Cumberland Councillor Mohamed Hussein for stopping by the Vinnies stall)



Thank you to Mount Saint Joseph Catholic College, Milperra (MSJ) for hosting a Vinnies Buddies Day for children of Vinnies clients.

The students help organised a fun filled day of games, dancing, and cup cake decoration as part of offering respite from disadvantage.

(Left: Children making cup cakes during Buddies Day at MSJ)

