



BORDERTRUST



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Because every child deserves a good start to the school year

Like you, Border Trust, the region's Community Foundation believes that every child deserves a good start to the school year.

The Back to School Program aims to give this good start to students-in-need by providing a \$50 Target voucher to help them when they need it most.

WHAT IS THE BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM?

Back to School is a national program coordinated by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and administered locally by Border Trust. We work directly with Principals and Welfare Officers at local primary & secondary schools who request vouchers to assist their students with the greatest need. This may be due to mental health issues, unemployment, social isolation, drought and other environmental & health issues.

At the start of the 2018 school year, we provided 949 vouchers to students across 76 regional schools. A fantastic effort, but still the need grows.

CAN A \$50 VOUCHER REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Most definitely, yes. Vouchers can be used for school bags, jumpers, shoes, text books, socks & underwear, uniforms, even toiletries. We want students to feel they fit-in & not stand-out.

WHAT IS THE 2019 BACK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE?

From September – November, we're raising funds locally which FRRR will aim to match. So, for every \$50 raised, the potential is for 2 students to benefit. All funds raised stay 100% local and go directly to the purchase of vouchers for schools to distribute to their students.

SHARING THE STORIES

"One mother (who has recently moved here due to domestic violence) cried and cried. They did not have the basics eg lunchbox, back pack etc as it was all left behind. She was really appreciative. The student came and showed me his new items and was so excited he was just like the other students.

Another family has several children – they were really appreciative as they could go and buy them new underwear and socks. The students had outgrown the ones they had. All families were thrilled and the vouchers have made such a difference in a big way – confidence, feeling that they belong and socially. It has also taken the pressure off some families to get items that they had been putting off due to a lack of finances". Welfare Officer

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CAN YOU HELP US TO HELP MORE STUDENTS?

As a community, we can make a huge difference. Here's how:

- Back to School collection tins are available – just ask if you'd like one to collect your loose change
- Tax deductible donations can be made online at www.bordertrust.org.au
- Tax deductible donations can also be made to our Hume Bank account
BSB: 640 000 Account Number: 558 709516
Account Name: Community Foundation for Albury Wodonga Region
Ref: Your Name BTS (please remember to also email us so that a tax receipt can be provided).
- Create a Crowd Raiser Profile for your workplace, school or sporting/recreational group through <https://www.givenow.com.au/alburywodongabacktoschoolgiftvoucher>
Follow the prompts to create your crowd raiser profile. Once complete you can then distribute your profile link to staff, families and your network of contacts to help you raise the most money for the Back to School 2019 Challenge.

We keep in touch with all of our donors and will let you know how much has been raised & how many students benefited. We always receive words of thanks and appreciation, and we'll share these with you too.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Head to our website <http://bordertrust.org.au/give/back-to-school-program> for more information, email us on mail@bordertrust.org.au or feel free to ring us on **0260 817201**.

With your help, more children will start the school year feeling happy, confident & with the resources they need.

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"One young person supported this year has only recently been forced out of home. Whilst the school has been able to provide her with uniforms and basic stationery needs, the voucher will be used to purchase a backpack and some runners to help her participate in PE and sports activities. This helps her to feel less isolated within her cohort due to her lack of adequate means to provide for basic needs. She was delighted when given the voucher today". Principal

"On behalf of our families and community I would like to thank you for your support. In particular I would like to thank you for the trust you place in us to ensure the vouchers find the families who most need them. It allows us to pass on your support in a discreet manner which is something the families are grateful for (in addition to the voucher itself)." Principal