



Pop-Up shops

The School Savvy pop-up shops will open in January, but the program remains active year-round to support students in need. From February to December, we encourage students and families to first contact their School Guidance Officer, who can provide a referral to the School Savvy program for additional assistance. We offer:

- Pre-loved or new school uniforms
- Pencil cases, notebooks & other essential school supplies
- Haircuts for students

Pop-up Shops are open temporarily in January, but School Savvy is available year-round through school and service referrals. Additionally, other services and businesses will be on-site with useful resources.

what we need

- Pre-loved or new uniforms for both high school and primary students, especially public schools.
- Backpacks in good condition.
- Primary school shoes (runners of any colour).
- High school shoes: black or white runners.
- Scientific calculators.
- New lunchboxes and water bottles (for hygiene reasons).
- Seeking donations from the Cairns region and surrounding areas: Atherton, Mossman, Babinda, and Innisfail.

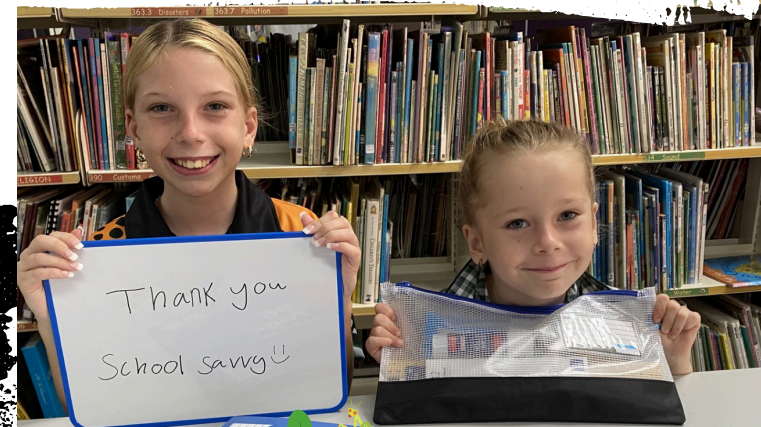


Supporting local children & families get back to school



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What is school savvy? by centacare FNQ

Getting children ready for a new school year can be a struggle for many families. School Savvy FNQ is an initiative designed to help.

School Savvy FNQ aims to help as many children as possible be 'back-to-school ready', with the appropriate resources required to succeed.

This ensures that back-to-school costs are not a barrier to accessing education and reduces the child's risk of isolation and disengagement.

To help ease the back-to-school financial pressure that some families face, School Savvy brings together second hand uniforms, common booklist stationery supplies, and hairdressers for back-to-school hair cuts.

Returning kids to school for the new year with the right resources means that the impacts of the financial distress some families face will not stand in the way of a quality education.



Our origins

School Savvy was launched by Centacare FNQ in 2016 as part of Anti-Poverty Week to support young children and families in need as they prepare for the new school year.

The program collects donated school uniforms, supplies, and computers, which are cleaned and offered at temporary pop-up shops for a small coin donation. Originally launched in Cairns, the program has since expanded to Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay, and Gladstone, with plans to include Toowoomba and Brisbane later in 2024.

How can you support us?

-  Donate pre-loved uniforms and school supplies in good condition.
-  Volunteer at our January pop-up shops.
-  Connect us with hairdressers willing to donate their time or provide vouchers for student haircuts.
-  Collect donations of uniforms, laptops, and other school requirements.
-  Organise a fundraising or donation event for School Savvy.
-  Spread the word through event calendars, newsletters, Facebook, and posters.
-  Follow and share updates on our School Savvy Facebook page.

Donation points

- **Centacare FNQ** - 22 -34 Aplin St
- **Centacare FNQ** - 212 McCormack St
- **Centacare Connect Hub** - Cairns Central next to iPlay
- Vinnies Shops 

