



PRIMARY PROGRAM INFORMATION

Who are we?

Books in Homes Australia is a charitable foundation that provides quality books-of-choice to children living in remote, disadvantaged, and low socio-economic circumstances, ensuring crucial early literacy engagement and the development of reading skills needed for lifelong achievement. Our program aims to overcome the inequality of educational opportunities in communities where access to books for families is limited or non-existent and resources are often scarce. In doing so, our program contributes to helping overcome generational poverty by enhancing the chances of success in early education thereby opening up options, choices and potential in later life. Since 2001, Books in Homes has distributed in excess of 2.8 million new books to children through schools and communities around Australia.

Our vision is to create an Australia where every child and family has access to books in the home.

What do we do?

Books in Homes raises funds and seeks sponsors to support primary schools, preschools and childcare centres that could be described as:

- Having an Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) under the national average of 1000
- Being located in a socio-disadvantaged areas, remote or Indigenous communities
- Having refugee children with a language background other than English.

How do we help?

Books in Homes provides the gift of new and quality books-of-choice to children who may otherwise not be able to access them, thereby helping to reduce educational inequality. The Program helps to:

- Improve literacy and reading skills for a better education whilst simultaneously normalising reading as an everyday activity or pastime
- Involve the family in reading and building a home library for all to share
- Give children the pride of ownership and choice, and empower children to choose books they WANT to read rather than the books they are told to read
- Foster self-driven learning through a connection to books and reading
- Develop children's creativity and imagination
- Give children a better start in order to open up choices and opportunities in later life
- Encourage children to engage with their school and families to engage with their community.

Ultimately, reading is the gateway to education and education is the key to prosperity. Books in Homes contributes to overcoming generational poverty and poor educational development by helping children learn to read in their early years.

What do we provide?

Books in Homes provides high quality books-of-choice appropriate to reading age to socio-educationally disadvantaged Australian children. Each participating primary school per year receives:

- **144 books via 3 Preview Packs** (48 books in each)
- **9 new Books-of-Choice per student** (which include picture books, graphic novels, non-fiction, drawing books, how-to books, Indigenous themes and special interest books)
- **9 personal Book Labels per student**
- **3 sturdy waterproof Book Bags per student**
- **3 Book Catalogues and competitions per student**
- **3 Book Giving Assemblies per year**
- **Extra Caught Being Good books and certificates.**

What is the cost?

The cost per student per year on the Primary Program is \$81.90 (excluding GST).

How can you help?

With your assistance, we can provide these benefits to children and guide them to a rewarding literate future. You can help by:

- Making a donation (via our website or by filling in the form overpage)
- Sponsoring a primary school, preschool or childcare centre
- Fund-raising
- Volunteering to be a Role Model.

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DONATION FORM

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How did you hear about us? _____

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With your assistance, Books in Homes will provide its resources to disadvantaged children and families and help break the endemic cycle of poverty that exists in many Australian communities today.

Thank you for your generous support!

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