

2017

Annual Report

Celebrating 87 Years of Service

SSR

State Schools' Relief is a not for profit charity that supports the needs of disadvantaged government school students by assisting them with new school uniforms, footwear and educational resources at a time of vulnerability.

Providing new shoes and uniforms to a child experiencing extreme disadvantage provides considerable benefit. Our simple and practical service ensures that students in Victoria can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and self-esteem; enhancing their educational prospects and opportunities for connecting with their school community.

Values

UNITY: Working together to support every young person.

EQUALITY: Supporting equal life chance and access to opportunity for all young people.

DIGNITY: Making sure that every young person is able to participate with the same pride and dignity as their peers.

BELONGING: Fostering a sense of participation, inclusion and belonging to their school community.

Our History

State Schools' Relief was founded in 1930 during the Great Depression, by Anton Vroland a Head Teacher from Elsternwick State School.

On June 12 1930, Anton Vroland organised a meeting with fellow teachers and principals who were concerned about the students living in the barges along the Yarra and huts around the Dudley Flat tip. At the conclusion of this meeting, the State Schools' Relief Committee was formed to undertake any relief possible to Victorian students.

The problem of poverty, neglect, family illness, abuse, homelessness and natural disasters continue to pose an affect for too many families.

State Schools' Relief is unique; no other Australian State has a similar organisation. Our service promotes each child's dignity because the service is run anonymously through the schools.

It would be almost impossible to find a State School, no matter how prosperous, that has not had at least one student who has received assistance from us in the past 86 years.

The importance of our work and the thousands of students we help each year ensures that they feel included and valued. It provides everyone, regardless of background, with the opportunity to participate fully in schooling.

Education is the main way out of poverty and this pathway must remain open to every child.

Life Members

Ralph Francione, Alan Pinkerton
and Ray Addicoat.

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President's Report

The last year has seen a continued increase in the demand for State Schools' Relief Services.

From a high of 38,000 students assisted in the 2015/2016 years, this year has seen over 58,000 students in government schools assisted with school uniforms and shoes. This assistance has contributed significantly to student wellbeing and school participation and is a major form of support for school costs for low income parents. The continued financial support of the Victorian Government has enabled SSR to perform this important and needed work.

The main programs that SSR delivers are our continued charitable program and the new Prep and Year 7 programs for children qualifying under the Camps, Sports and Excursion fund. The Prep and Year 7 programs have been enthusiastically embraced by schools and parents and make up half of our clothing support.

SSR's own label, Student Choice, has also enabled us to sell uniforms and shoes to schools at competitive rates and is developing as a major future source of income for SSR.

A major project that SSR has undertaken this year is the Glasses for Kids program. Funded by the Victorian Government this project will, by mid 2019, have provided testing, screening and dispensing services to children in 250 Victorian Schools. The project is being delivered as a partnership, involving the Department of Education & Training, Melbourne University, One Sight, Wide Open Road, Wodonga Eye Care and the Australian Education Union amongst others.

SSR has also funded a research project to be undertaken by Melbourne University to assess the qualitative benefits of the program. However, at this point of the project, there is much anecdotal evidence that points to the impact of the program on students' learning outcomes.

The huge increase in activity has meant that SSR has had to develop a sophisticated warehousing and logistics distribution centre at our Dandenong South headquarters and this could not have been achieved without the ongoing support of Toyota Australia.

It has also meant an increase in staff and the once small SSR has now separate finance, warehousing and operations areas, all of which come together to provide a seamless ordering and distribution service to all Victorian government schools.

The Board continues to focus on our core accountability to ensure that SSR remains a financially sustainable organisation delivering high quality service to schools eligible students and their parents.

Over the next year, a major task of the Board will be locking in funding for the period into the early 2020s and to more proactively pursue fundraising activities. Fundraising from schools, which once contributed to over 50% of our fundraising efforts has declined sharply over the past 2 years and SSR needs to examine and put in place new and different strategies to ensure sustainability in the level of support we currently provide.

Board sub committees are an important part of our monitoring, oversight and strategy development. Once again I thank committee conveners Rommie Redlich, Christine Stewart, Robyn Wilson and Maria Shearn for their work with the sub committees. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for the work, effort and thought put into our governance. SSR has become a much more complex organisation and subsequently demands much more for its directors to ensure a successful organisation.

Thanks to Board members Kate Fenby and Leilani Landeryou who were both unable to continue their board duties this year. Kate made a great contribution in marketing and Leilani very ably represented the interests of parents.

The defining feature of SSR is the quality and commitment of its staff and it is the staff that

have enabled SSR to perform its work so well. Special thanks to our longest standing employee Val Marshall who after nearly 11 years' service retired recently. Val has made an outstanding contribution to the work of SSR and will be missed by both schools and SSR. On behalf of the Board I thank all staff members for their work in enabling disadvantaged state school students to participate in school.

Thank you to our sponsors large and small who give to our cause. Particular thanks to the Department of Education & Training, the Australian Schools Canteen Association, The Australian Education Union, Bank Australia and Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank for their support and commitment. We would not be able to do our work without them.

SSR is the sum of many parts working for a common objective, continuing that work is the key to continuing support for enabling disadvantaged students to have successful education pathways.

Barry Smith
President



Ambassador's Message

I am proud to be the Victorian Government's Ambassador for State Schools Relief.

In the 2016/17 financial year State Schools Relief delivered over 50,000 school uniforms to government school students.

The State Government has committed \$15 million to help State Schools Relief continue their vital work supporting Victorian families.

Together we are committed to breaking the link between disadvantage and achievement, allowing students to feel included and fully participate in education to reach their full potential.

SONYA KILKENNY MP

State Member for Carrum District
State Schools' Relief Ambassador



CEO Report

The injection of \$15.6 million from the Victorian Government in 2016 enabled SSR to boost its contribution to the educational needs of students significantly.

In 2015/2016, we supported over 38,000 students with uniform and school requirements and that number has increased to 58,000 in 2016/2017. Whilst the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) has seen a huge increase in our work, one of the other excellent programs has been the Glasses for Kids programs. Our introduction to the Toyota warehousing strategy has delivered excellent outcomes in our streamlining process in all areas of production.

The promotion and introduction of our Student Choice products are travelling well and means increasing alleviation to the cost to schools and families for numerous key uniform requirements. So many great initiatives, supporters and a great team all combine to make SSR an invaluable organisation for Victorian schools and families.

We know that poverty is a key reason that impacts on the educational outcomes for our children. With continued assistance with uniform and some of the other essential items (e.g. Graphing Calculator and work boots), we can play a role in promoting pathways and success.

School Communities

School communities remain a much needed source of fundraising to support the efforts of SSR. There have been many and varied events over the past year throughout government schools in Victoria that have assisted SSR provide the ever-present need for assistance to disadvantaged students. Established by principals and teachers, SSR continues to be sustained by Victorian educators.

Staff and Volunteers

We have a dedicated team of staff and volunteers at SSR. Improving our systems, to ensure prompt service to schools, is a feature of our committed team in all facets of our operations.

It is with sincere appreciation and thanks that I acknowledge the work of Val Marshall (Operations Manager) who recently retired but spent almost eleven years going above and beyond to see that schools were provided with personable and professional assistance.

A big thank you to our volunteers who form an integral component of our service and we have been most fortunate to have their assistance throughout the year.

Board

Thank you to our Board members who continue to provide excellent support and leadership, particularly through the work of the President, Barry Smith. His guidance in our performance-based business management model has ensured we continue to operate at a high standard.

Partners

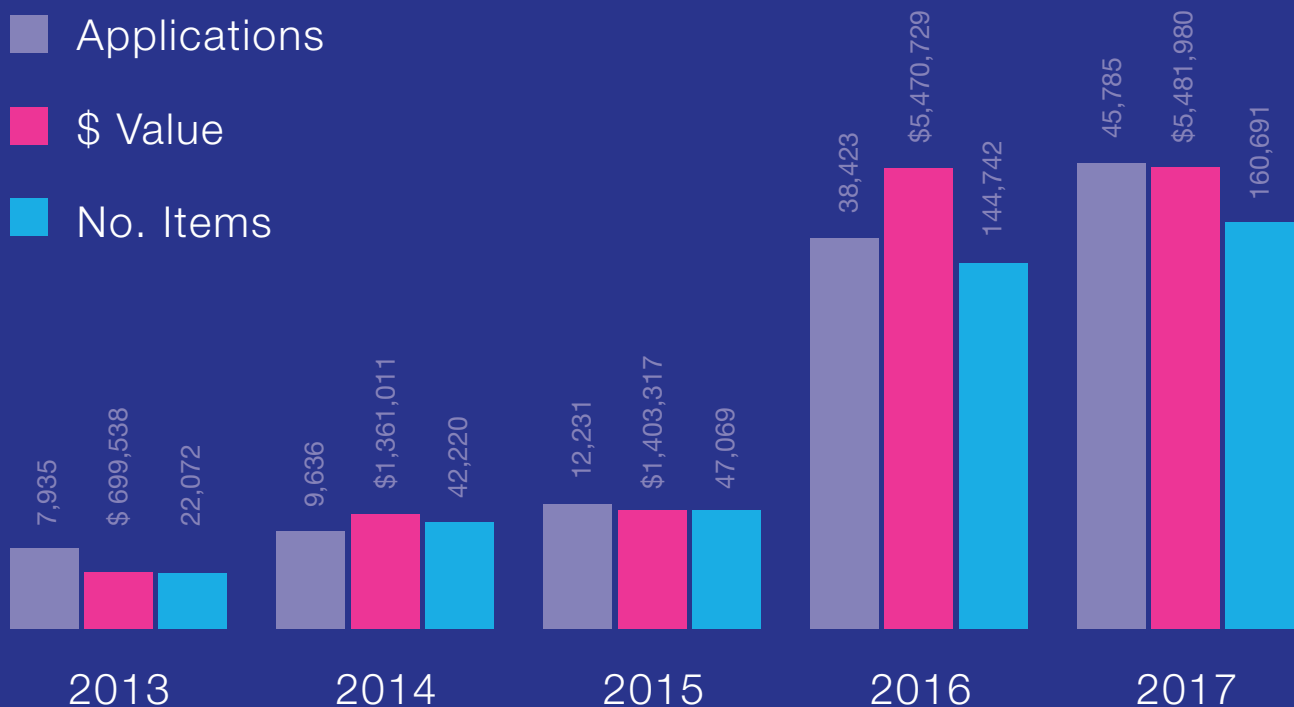
SSR relies on a committed group of sponsors, many have been with us throughout and others are welcome new additions to our support base. I would like to thank all sponsors for their acknowledgement of the importance of SSR support to Victoria's most vulnerable families and students. To this end, I extend our thanks to the following in particular: The Victorian Government, the Department of Education and Training (DET), Victorian Principals' Association, The Victorian Association of Secondary Principals, the Australian Education Union, the Australian School's Canteen Association, the Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank and Bank Australia.

Challenges

The implementation of the CSEF saw a significant increase in SSR support to our Victorian government school communities. As with all new initiatives, there are challenges. We believe, in conjunction with DET, we have made considerable adjustment to the manner in which the CSEF uniform packages to eligible Prep and Year 7 students are rolled out. We aim to have the Year 7 packages for 2018 out to Secondary Schools by Orientation Day.

Aside from these students, there is always a need to address the requirements of the many students, who for one reason or another, require assistance to be school ready.

Participation in **education** is the main way out of poverty and this pathway must remain **open to every child.**



We've come such a long way in our history.
Our archives from 1934 tell us just how far:



Food. Several hundred hot meals were provided daily. Primarily in the form of subsidies to philanthropic societies.



Clothing. 3,551 new garments and large quantities of good second hand clothing were supplied.



Footwear. 2,099 pairs sent to schools, some free, others at discounted prices.



Paper. Supplies were provided for some schools where students have a difficulty in obtaining writing material.



Puddings. 400 Christmas puddings were made and distributed.



Milk. At the request of the Sustenance Department, State Schools' Relief administered a grant for a daily supply of free milk for children requiring it. During the winter months approximately 8,500 children from 115 schools received a daily milk drink.



Finance. Receipts from all sources totalled \$1,207. Of this, \$385 was spent on clothing, \$536 on footwear and \$132 on food.

State Schools' Relief offers a **simple solution.**

Our practical service ensures that every student, regardless of their background, can fully participate in education.



**45,785
Students**



**160,691
Items**



**\$5,481,980
Value**

Category

Financial Hardship

20,263

70,387

2,320,814

2017 Year 7

11,848

39,438

1,757,588

CSEF Uniform Package

2017 Prep

6,083

17,594

436,666

CSEF Uniform Package

Refugee

3,059

15,296

419,378

Indigenous

1,269

5,532

151,719

2016 Prep

964

1451

44,723

CSEF Uniform Package

Natural Disaster

730

2,483

110,824

Family Violence

567

3,237

86,931

Crisis/Emergency

419

2,125

59,045

2016 Year 7

242

957

41,039

CSEF Uniform Package

Homelessness

222

1,269

36,276

Housefire

101

877

19,438

Other

18

42

539



\$120

is the average
cost of support
per child

The Challenge

TACKLING INCREASED DEMAND

Historically, State Schools' Relief has fulfilled around 10,000 applications for shoes and uniforms each year. This financial year recorded a 20% increase in applications to 45,785.

This increase in assistance has been driven by the inclusion of eligibility-based assistance for Prep and Year 7 students who are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. These students were automatically eligible for a subsidised uniform package.

Applications for financial assistance increased 20% compared to the previous financial year. This increase has been attributed to the discontinued Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) in 2015. Previously 25% of families with children attending State Schools received the payment, previously, corresponding to around 160,000 children in 2015.

Additionally, the School Kid's bonus of \$422 for Primary School students and \$842 for Secondary students was discontinued in July 2016, consequently increasing applications.

The partial replacement of this payment is the Victorian State Government grant State Schools' Relief secured for \$15.6m over 4 years, representing a benefit of \$20 per child. The average cost of each application to State Schools' Relief was \$120, down from \$142 last financial year.

FUTURE INCOME COMMITMENT:

This secured Victorian Government grant will have a transformative effect on the scale and impact of our efforts and will enable us to continue the much needed support of those families most disadvantaged in our state.

INCREASE PRODUCT RANGE:

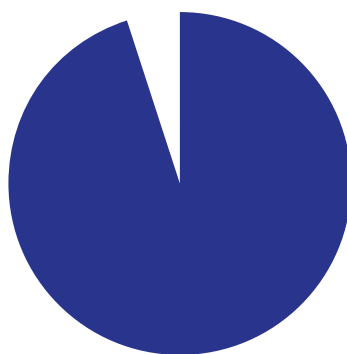
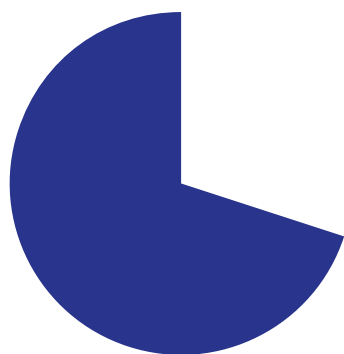
The core business is to get children in the school gate, ensuring they have a school uniform and shoes. Building on this, we now offer an extended range of products to assist success in school:

EYE TESTING. A foundation partnership has been established with The University of Melbourne, OneSight (OPSM's charity partner) supported by the Victorian State Government as part of Education State. This partnership has enabled State Schools' Relief to engage with 250 schools to ensure students have access to glasses where required.

WORK BOOTS. VET in Schools students require work boots.

CALCULATORS. Graphing Calculators are utilised by Year 11 and 12 students. They are a significant cost to families of the student retailing over \$200.

STATIONERY. Thank you to Target and Bannockburn Primary School for donating stationery for Primary School students.



70% Primary Schools, 95% Secondary Schools & 92% P-12 utilised our services this financial year.

Our Response

REDUCING COSTS

DISTRIBUTING PHYSICAL ITEMS:

One successful method of decreasing the average cost per child has been by working closely with schools to provide our wholesale label uniforms and shoes where possible. High quality clothing is provided which closely resembles the branded items used by other students. State Schools' Relief has successfully fostered agreements with 45 state schools to substitute items in place of vouchers.

VOLUNTEERING AND IN KIND SUPPORT:

Deakin University

Student Saania Habeeb, who developed State Schools' Relief's Topsy Turvy campaign as part of The School of Communications & Creative Arts curriculum, has won an International Association of Business Gold Quill Award in the Student Category of Communication Management. This is a prestigious award that attracts a large number of entrants. Congratulations to Saania and thank you for your creativity with this campaign.

Toyota

Toyota's years of manufacturing experience have taught them that small improvements can make a big difference, so for more than a decade they've shared their approach to help other organisations. They believe sharing their ideas this way helps their partners stay competitive and preserve jobs and support more people in need and that benefits us all. State Schools' Relief has benefited greatly from Toyota's generosity.

Secondary School Students

Partnerships with Nossal High and Heathmont College have been established for students to

volunteer at State Schools' Relief as part of their curriculum. This partnership assisted students to understand the issues around disadvantage and how State Schools' Relief is assisting these students to remain in school. In return, State Schools' Relief establishes a strong relationship with the schools, and increases much needed volunteer labour.

Glasses for Kids

The provision of glasses through OPSM's charity division OneSight, has led to the creation of the Glasses for Kids program. The program helps to break down barriers of poverty for children from vulnerable families and supports participation in education from the early years.

State Schools' Relief has constructed a coalition to provide the program, which will provide vision screening, testing and dispensing of corrective glasses, where medically necessary, for all Prep to Grade 3 students in the 250 most disadvantaged Victorian government schools. The foundation coalition consists of The University of Melbourne, OneSight and The Victorian Government. The program will run until June 2019.

ENSURING ASSISTANCE IS RECEIVED BY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

DISTRIBUTING PHYSICAL ITEMS:

A consequential benefit of supplying physical items is that this ceases any possible parent co-payment and most importantly we know the students will receive the items. In many cases vouchers expire where the family or carer cannot afford the co-payment or unable to get to the retailer.

StateSchools'
Relief Annual
Fundraiser.

topsy
turvy
day



15-21
OCTOBER
2017

anti
poverty
week

IMPLEMENTATION OF ELIGIBILITY-BASED PACKAGES:

Historically, applications for support have been made directly from the Schools where the child's family has a Health Care Card or where the school deems the student in need. In 2015, State Schools' Relief released its first eligibility-based packages. Any child enrolled in Prep or Year 7 who was also registered for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund was also eligible for State Schools' Relief package which included basic uniform items needed to start school. Starting a new school was identified as a key time in a student's life that carried significant financial costs. This package was created to greatly reduce these costs. There was a 27% increase in uptake in the Year 7 Package compared with last year to 11,848 package, and a 5% increase in uptake in the Prep Package to 6,083 (the Prep Package was released April 2017 and therefore this number continues to grow into the 17/18 financial year).



1 in 10
Victorian
State **Schools**
raised funds to
support SSR this
financial year

Capturing the voice of our stakeholders

From the Principal of
a Gippsland school.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to drop you a line and share with you an experience you don't see every day.

Following this week's delivery of uniforms for the children, I took the opportunity to deliver the boxes as the family concerned are without transport at the moment. The whole affair has been a very sad one with the children wearing ill-fitting clothes, a lack of food in the house and a male guardian who has deserted the home and left them to fend for themselves. Of the four children in the family, three attend the Primary School and of these children two are disabled in some capacity.

When I arrived at the home the children had all been bathed and were reading books sitting on the couch. I carried the boxes of clothing into the lounge room and helped them distribute the parcels. The looks on the faces when they opened the packages were something to behold and the squeals of joy were quite moving.

This morning at school the children arrived wearing their new clothes and the looks on their faces said it all. They looked resplendent in new gear and as one boy approached me, I asked how he felt. He replied "It is good to be like the other kids."

It has been a wonderful, tangible way through which to provide immediate, high level support with instant impact. I must add that these children have received an immediate boost to their self-esteem thanks to the State Schools' Relief Committee Inc.

Thank you for your incredible support, I salute you all.

School Donations per Child

We would like to say thank you to the Schools, Junior School Councils, Teachers, Principals and Student Representative Council Committees for the fundraising support for the thousands of Victorian children unable to afford basic necessities such as school uniforms and footwear.

Overall, 11% of State Schools across Victoria donated to State Schools' Relief. Funds were raised in various ways, from out of school uniform days and schools asking parents to round up their school fees, to crazy hair days.

State Schools' Relief encourages schools to fundraise during Anti Poverty Week. Visit our website for further information ssr.net.au/schools/fundraising-ideas

Primary Schools

Albanvale Primary School
Albany Rise Primary School
Aldercourt Primary School
Altona Meadows Primary School
Altona North Primary School
Anglesea Primary School
Ashwood School
Aspendale Gardens Primary School
Ballam Park Primary School
Bannockburn Primary School
Baringa School
Bass Coast Specialist School
Beaumaris Primary School
Belgrave South Primary School
Belmont Primary School
Belvedere Park Primary School
Bethal Primary School
Blackburn Primary School
Bolwarra Primary School
Boort District Primary School
Bundoora Primary School
Burwood Heights Primary
Burwood Heights Primary School
Cairnlea Park Primary School
Camberwell Primary School
Carnegie Primary School
Caulfield Primary School
Caulfield South Primary School
Chatham Primary School
Coatesville Primary School

Coburg Special Develop School
Coburn Primary School
Colac Primary School
Colac Specialist School
Concord School
Craigieburn South Primary School
Cranbourne South Primary School
Dandenong Valley School
Dandenong North Primary School
Drouin West Primary School
East Bentleigh Primary School
Eastwood Primary School
Eltham East Primary School
Flemington Primary School
Frankston East Primary School
Glenhuntly Primary School
Glenrowan Primary School
Goonawarra Primary School
Gormandale & District Primary School
Grey Street Primary School
Hallam Primary School
Heidelberg Primary School
Hughesdale Primary School
James Cook Primary School
Kalinda Primary School
Kangaroo Flat Primary School
Kensington Primary School
Kent Park Primary School
Keysborough Primary School
Knox Central Primary School
Koo Wee Rup Primary School

Lancaster Primary School
Lang Lang Primary School
Laurimar Primary School
Le Page Primary School
Lethbridge Primary School
Lyndhurst Primary School
Maiden Gully Primary School
Maldon Primary School
Marnebek School Cranbourne
Metung Primary School
Mill Park Heights Primary School
Mill Park Primary School
Millwarra Primary School
Minyip Primary School
Morang South Primary School
Morang South Primary School
Mount View Primary School
Murrumbeena Primary School
Newhaven Primary School
Newport Lakes Primary School
Newstead Primary School
Northern School for Autism
Nyora Primary School
Oakleigh Primary School School
Oberon South Primary School
Orbost North Primary School
Overport Primary School
Pakenham Hills Primary School
Patterson Lakes Primary
Pinewood Primary School
Portland South Primary School

This financial
year 173 schools
donated a total
of **\$130,497**

School	Donation
Primary	\$71,452
Secondary	\$52,226
P-12	\$6,819
Total	\$130,497

Preston Primary School
Preston West Primary School
Ripponlea Primary School
Sandringham East Primary School
Sassafras Primary School
Seabrook Primary School
South Geelong Primary School
St Albans East Primary School
St. Arnaud Primary School
Surrey Hills Primary School
Sydenham - Hillside Primary School
Tate Street Primary School
Toongabbie Primary School
Traralgon (Liddiard Road) Primary School
Tyabb Primary School
Upwey South Primary School
Vermont Primary School
Wattle Park Primary School
Waverley Meadows Primary School
Werribee Primary School
Westgarth Primary School
Westgrove Primary School
William Ruthven Primary School
Williamstown North Primary School
Willmott Park Primary School
Wonthaggi North Primary School
Wooranna Park Primary School

Secondary Schools

Alkira Secondary College
Ashwood College

Auburn High School
Bairnsdale Secondary College
Brimbank College
Bundoora Secondary College
Canterbury Girls Secondary College
Copperfield College
Cranbourne Secondary College
Dromana Secondary College
Gleneagles Secondary College
Healesville High School
Highvale Secondary College
Kurnai College
Kurunjang Secondary College
Lakeview Senior College
Lalor Secondary College
Lilydale Heights College
McKinnon Secondary College
Melba Secondary College
Mill Park Secondary College
Monbulk College
Mount Clear College
Noble Park English Language
Noble Park Secondary College
North Geelong Secondary College
Nossal High School
Reservoir High School
Ringwood Secondary College
Rowville Secondary College
Sale College
Somerville Secondary College
South Gippsland Secondary College

St Helena Secondary College
Staughton College
Sunbury Downs Secondary College
Sunshine College
Taylors Lakes Secondary
Thornbury High School
Trafalgar High School
Victoria University Secondary College
Wantirna College
Wonthaggi Secondary College
Wyndham Central College
P-12
Carranballac P-9 College
Carwatha College P-12
Charles La Trobe College
Point Cook P-9 College
The Lakes South Morang P-9
Tarneit P-9 College
Truganina P-9 College
Werrimull P-12 School

Can't find your school?

Please contact your Business Manager to discuss, or feel free to contact us at State Schools' Relief contact@ssr.net.au

Our Board Members

The direction and strategy of State Schools' Relief is overseen by a Board of Directors.

BARRY SMITH, PRESIDENT

B.A, Dip. Ed, GAICD. Elected member.

Barry has had a varied career as a teacher, teacher union official, government adviser and business owner.

CHRISTINE STEWART, VICE PRESIDENT

B. Accounting, Dip. Ed.

Represents Australian Education Union.

Christine has been a secondary teacher for over 20 years, including roles as Student Welfare Coordinator.

RALPH FRANCIONE

B.A, B. Ed, M. Ed. Admin. Elected member.

Ralph has a wealth of experience as a teacher, Principal, Inspector of Schools, Senior Administrator (Dept. of Education) and Chairman of State Curriculum Committees.

ROMMIE REDLICH

Adv.Dip. Financial Planning, Adv.Dip. Banking & Accounting. Elected member.

Experience in Senior roles in large Corporate Companies specialising in Financial Planning and Superannuation.

TONY ROSS

M. Ed. Admin, Dip. Ed. Elected member.

Tony has held many senior positions in education, is a Board Member of Bendigo Bank and Vice President of Pakenham Living Learning Centre.

JUDITH BENNEY

B.A (with Honours), Dip. Ed. Master in School Leadership. Elected member.

Judi has had a variety of experience as a Principal in the northern and eastern regions, in both secondary and primary settings.

JOHN HURLEY

B.A. Commerce, B. Ed, Certificate Counselling & Psychotherapy. Elected member.

Principal for 33 years in State Schools, working across 14 different schools.

ROBYN WILSON

D. Bus. Admin. Elected member.

Robyn has worked for 16 years as a business manager. Representative for the Association of Business Managers in Victorian State Schools.

MARIA SHEARN

M. Student Welfare, Grad Dip. Multicultural Education, Dip. Ed. Represents Australian Education Union (Primary).

Maria has over 30 years' experience in Victorian Government Schools.

DES PURCELL

Dip. General Insurance, Dip. Fin Services (Insurance Broking). Elected member.

Des has many years' experience in Senior Management roles both in insurance broking and underwriting.

ESTHER WOOD

T.P.T.C.; B. Ed, Grad Dip. Special Education. Elected member.

Member of VPA for over 20 years, member of Principal Class for 21 years. Recipient of Principal of the Year Award 2014, Order of Australia Medal 2015.

WILMA CULTON

B. Ed, M. Ed. Elected member.

Currently Principal of Serpell Primary School in Templestowe. Special interest in International Education, International Standards and Accreditation of Schools with a strong focus on development of students with a positive contribution as global citizens.

CHERYLE OSBOURNE

PhD, MEPA, MEPI, B Ed Dip. Teach (Primary) Represents the Victorian Principals Association (VPA).

Cheryle has over 35 years' experience in Victorian Government schools and is currently Principal of Aspendale Gardens Primary School. Cheryle has been a member of the VPA for 20 years and a VPA Board Member for the past 11 years.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Member Name	Member Since	Status	Meetings Attended*
Barry Smith	September 2011	Current	6 out of 7
Cheryl Osbourne	February 2016	Current	6 out of 7
Christine Stewart	February 2009	Current	4 out of 7
Des Purcell	March 2013	Current	1 out of 2
Esther Wood	March 2009	Current	6 out of 7
John Hurley	August 2007	Current	7 out of 7
Judith Benney	April 2015	Current	4 out of 7
Kate Fenby	March 2014	Resigned May 2017	3 out of 6
Krista Seddon	December 2016	Resigned March 2017	2 out of 3
Lailani Landeryou	November 2015	Resigned May 2017	3 out of 5
Maria Shearn	October 2013	Current	7 out of 7
Ralph Francione	1986	Current	6 out of 7
Robyn Wilson	April 2015	Current	6 out of 7
Rommie Redlich	August 2009	Current	3 out of 7
Sharron Healy	February 2017	Current	2 out of 3
Tony Ross	1977	Current	6 out of 7
Wilma Coulton	November 2012	Current	6 out of 7

* Meetings attended - some members joined through the year.

KATE FENBY

B. Communications, Adv. Dip. Business.

Elected member.

Kate has many years' experience working in Communications, Public Relations and Marketing.

LEILANI LANDERYOU

Resigned May 2017. Elected member.

Parents Victoria representative, School Councillor and Parent Club President at her children's primary school. Leilani is a passionate advocate for equity and access to education.

KRISTA SEDDON

Resigned March 2017. Elected member.

SHARRON HEALY

Represents Parents Victoria. Elected member

Sharron is the president of Parents Victoria, and is the Victorian Director of the Australian Council of State School Organisations. She also currently sits on the interim board of the School Governance Network. Sharron has served on parent clubs and school councils at her children's public schools since 1997. She is passionate about family engagement in education, and has lobbied for an equitable and inclusive education system for all children in our public schools.

Financial Performance

This financial report is an extract from the audited financial statements of State Schools' Relief.

The financial year 2016-17 was very busy for State Schools' Relief. The reduction in financial assistance for many families with children studying in Victorian State Schools has resulted in a 50% increase in the amount of applications processed. Increasing costs of branded clothing and footwear continues to be a challenge, which is being tackled by various methods including providing an increasing number of Students Choice items to students.

The Financial Report has been audited by KPMG who have advised the report is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

If you would like to request a copy of the complete audited 2017 financial statement please call 03 98769 8400 or email contact@ssr.net.au

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2017	2016
Current Assets	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	1,231,616	1,254,859
Trade and other receivables	6,603	1,186,640
Inventories	478,716	423,456
Other Assets	3,084	1,000
Total Current Assets	1,720,019	2,865,955
Non-current Assets		
Financial Assets	15	15
Plant and Equipment	69,539	71,637
Intangible Assets	9,734	16,896
Total non-current Assets	79,288	88,548
Total Assets	1,799,307	2,954,503
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	293,623	682,952
Income in advance	-	198,120
Total current liabilities	10,246	881,072
Total Liabilities	303,869	881,072
Net assets		
Retained earnings	1,495,438	2,073,431
Equity	1,495,438	2,073,431

Financial Highlights

Operating loss amounted to (\$577,993), a **decrease** compared with the previous financial year.

Cost of assistance grew to \$4,541,786 up from \$3,360,739 the previous year.

Total expenses amounted to \$1,347,689, an **increase** compared with the previous financial year.

Cash at bank \$1,231,616, **decreased** to previous financial year

Total assets decreased compared with previous financial year

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities	\$	\$
Receipts from operations	6,130,741	4,104,078
Payments to suppliers	(6,161,081)	(3,869,577)
Interest received	19,357	26,183
Net cash provided by operating activities	(10,983)	260,684
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(5,360)	(35,594)
Payment for intangible assets	(6,900)	(2,850)
Net cash used in investing activities	(12,260)	(38,444)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(23,243)	(222,240)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,254,859	1,032,619
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	1,231,616	1,254,859

STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS

Using 2017 Categories

2017

2016
Restarted

Revenue from continuing operations	\$	\$
Corporate Sponsorship	38,182	38,182
Fundraising - Events	62,318	118,582
Fundraising - Contributions	91,000	118,000
Fundraising - Gifts	293,680	283,047
Grants	4,061,998	4,094,345
In Kind Revenue	742,495	751,783
Other Income	2,452	24,223
Total Revenue	5,292,125	5,428,162
Less cost of Goods		
Clothing and Footwear	1,145,614	315,684
Orders	3,263,749	2,996,473
Freight	132,423	48,582
Total Cost of Goods		3,360,739
Less Expenses		
Administration	159,694	269,218
Fundraising	8,702	42,522
Philanthropic	22,380	27,167
In Kind Employee and Rental Costs	742,495	751,783
Travel	-	-
Occupancy	1,327	14,475
Total Expenses	1,347,689	1,105,165
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	(577,993)	988,441
Income tax Expense	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	(577,993)	988,441

Corporate Support Thanks

FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Individuals, partner organisations and schools support Young Victorians in need, with the funding of footwear, clothing and educational resources for children. Our supporters understand the necessity of such investment to sustain change and become involved in myriad of ways such as providing donations, participating in fundraising events, or by connecting with us at many levels through integrated partnerships.

With the support of our generous donors, State Schools' Relief continues to work towards ensuring the wellbeing of Victorian students by removing barriers to their participation in school and supporting their success in education.

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Retirement of Val Marshall after 10 years of service

On behalf of State Schools Relief staff, the Board and the many schools she assisted in her time, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Val Marshall for her great contribution to the organisation.

Over her 10 years, Val provided remarkable leadership as State Schools' Relief experienced considerable change and growth. A well-deserved retirement of an amazing woman. Congratulations Val.



How You Can Help

The important work of State Schools' Relief requires your support. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

INDIVIDUALS

Online by credit card at

www.ssr.net.au

Mail cheques to

PO Box 4528 Dandenong South Victoria 3164

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Bequests

Please contact State Schools' Relief for an information pack.

SCHOOLS

School based fundraising is the backbone of State Schools' Relief capacity.

Back to School	Term 1
Winter Warmer	Terms 2 and 3
Anti Poverty Week	Term 4

State Schools' Relief can customise free advertising and promotional material to support your initiative.

STAFF

Join our increasing number of supporters through salary sacrifice payroll giving.

VOLUNTEERING

State Schools' Relief relies on volunteers across the state to support our important work in schools and in our head office.

If you would like to join our team of enthusiastic volunteers, please contact State Schools' Relief for more information.

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