

Kids Under Cover *fact sheet*

Kids Under Cover build homes and provide scholarships for homeless and at risk young people. Our vision is for all young people to have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Homelessness in Australia – the shocking facts

On any one night in Australia, around 105,000 people are homeless. Almost half of these people are under the age of 25 years.

(Homelessness Australia, Homelessness in Australia, 2009 using Census 2006 Data)

On average, two out of three young people who become homeless while at school will leave school in the same year.

(AFHO facts, Homelessness and Young People, Australian Federation of Homelessness Organizations, 2005)

Two in every three children who need support are also turned away, as are almost 80% of families.

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23% of Australia's homeless are children – almost one in four homeless people is under 18.

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Young people often become homeless when family relationships break down. This can result from a number of issues including mental illness, disability, domestic violence, neglect, overcrowding, drug and alcohol abuse and the housing affordability crisis.

Working with Community Service Organisations
Kids Under Cover prevents homelessness and changes lives.

Studio Program

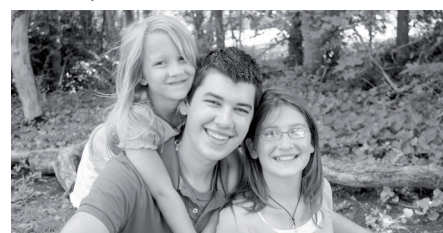
Unique and simple



- One or two bedroom studios with bathroom are constructed on the grounds of the family/carer's home using environmentally sustainable materials.
- Studios can be relocated to assist another family when they are no longer required. Typically a studio is relocated 4-5 times during its 25 year lifetime.
- Allows families to stay connected, giving them extra room to live and providing the young person with a safe, secure and stable environment to ensure a positive journey into adulthood.

Scholarship Program

The importance of education



- Available to young people and their siblings who have lived, or are currently living in Kids Under Cover accommodation.
- Designed to support young people to stay at school and for those looking to realise their dreams through further education.
- Eliminates barriers to education by providing financial support for fees and resources required for year 11, 12, TAFE or tertiary studies including text books, computers and transport tickets.
- Gives young people the opportunity to break welfare dependency and contribute independently to the community.