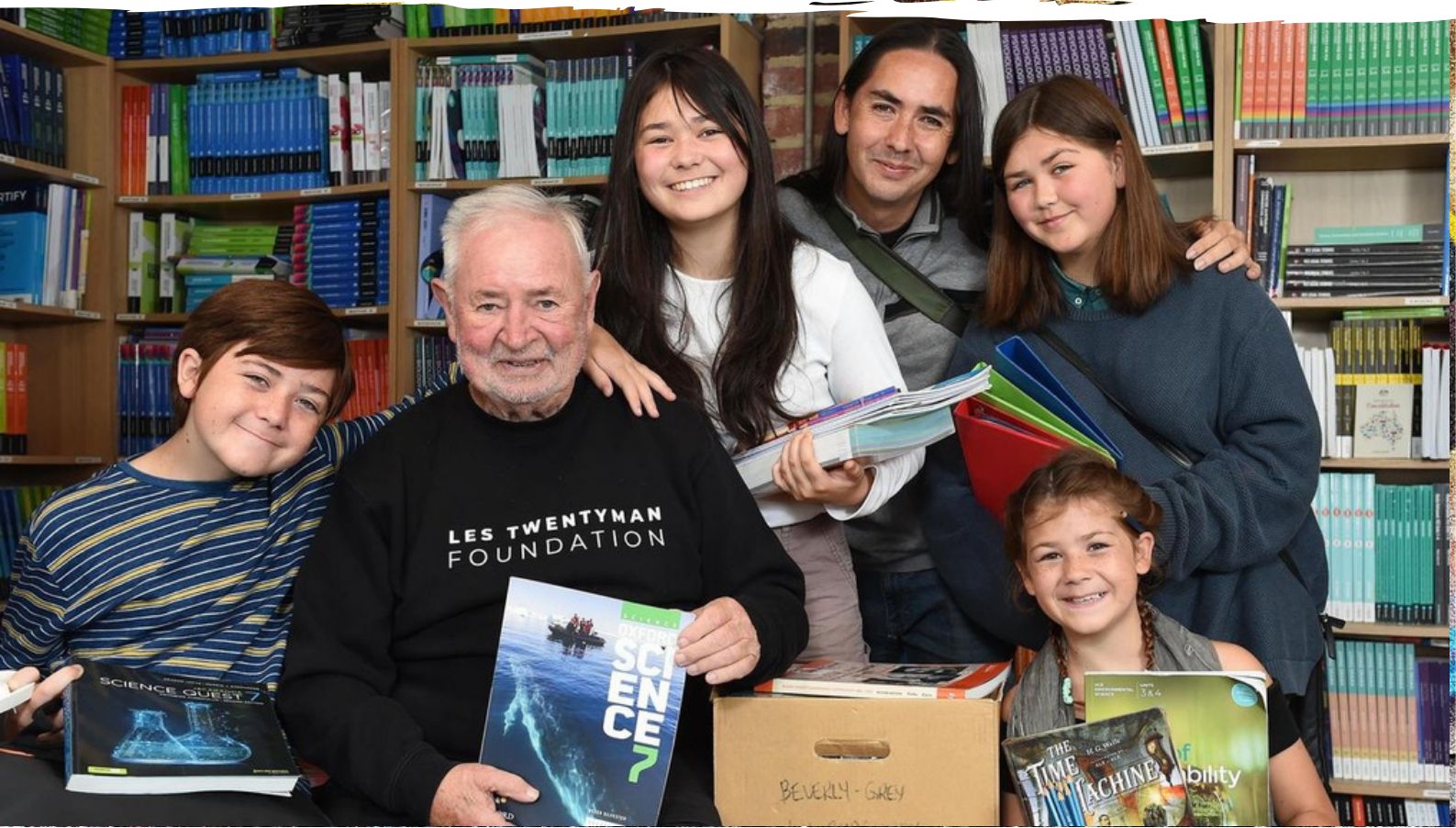




# BACK TO SCHOOL

## 2022-2023 PROGRAM REPORT



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WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE BTS PROGRAM IS HELD ON THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE OF THE KULIN NATION. WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ELDERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, AND EXTEND THAT RESPECT TO OTHER INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS.

# BACKGROUND

Since 1989, our Back to School program has provided education resources, text books and stationery to students and families experiencing financial difficulty. The aim of the program is to remove financial barriers to attending school.

The program operates on an annual basis with referrals commencing from late November and running until February (or until funds are exhausted).

A young person must be referred by their support worker of school and must meet specific criteria to be eligible for the program.



# KEY STATISTICS

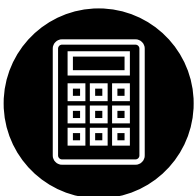
- **555 STUDENTS SUPPORTED**
- **OVER 30% OF STUDENTS WERE INDIGENOUS OR TORRES STRAIGHT ISLANDERS**
- **TOTAL SPENT ON TEXTBOOKS - \$56K**
- **TOTAL SAVED ON TEXTBOOKS- \$98K**
- **AVERAGE SPENT PER STUDENT - \$101**
- **AVERAGE SAVED PER STUDENT - \$177**



# TRENDS

- Further increase of Laptop and Calculator requests.
- Less Self Referrals in 2023.
- Primary School: As stated in the previous year there has been an increase in primary school referrals.
- New Texts: We are noticing publishers are updating their textbooks more frequently that makes it more difficult to have secondhand donations that we can use.
- Pricing: We have seen some book prices increase to over \$100 for one subject.

# TECHNOLOGY



## GRAPHING CALCULATORS

Graphing calculators are vital to the education of young people. Without these devices, students are unable to complete their required assessments.



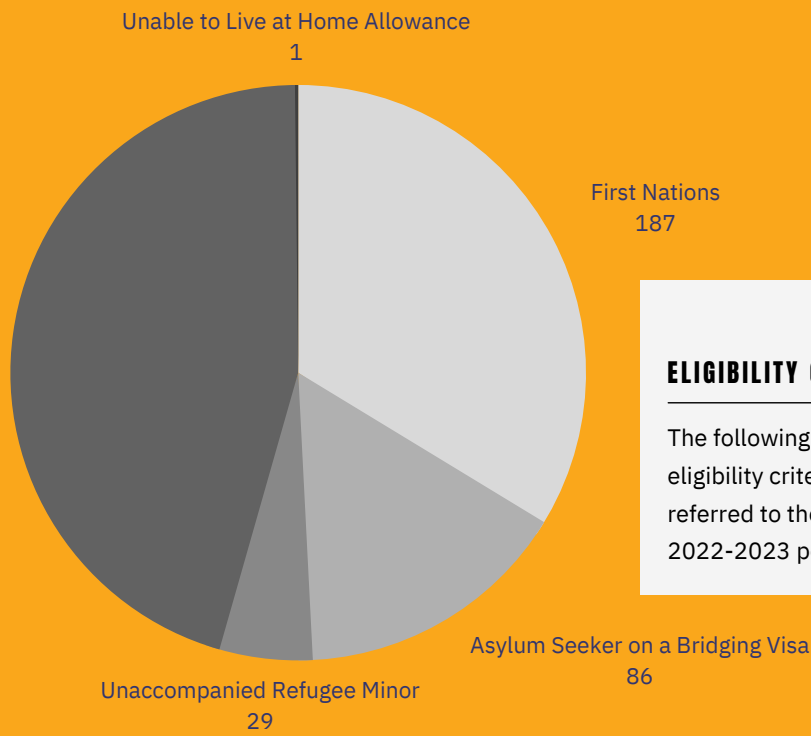
## LAPTOPS

This year we saw almost a 50% increase in demand for laptops compared to the previous year. Having a laptop/desktop has become a necessity in the education system.

**WE SEND OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR LAPTOP DONATIONS AND REFURBISHMENTS:**



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



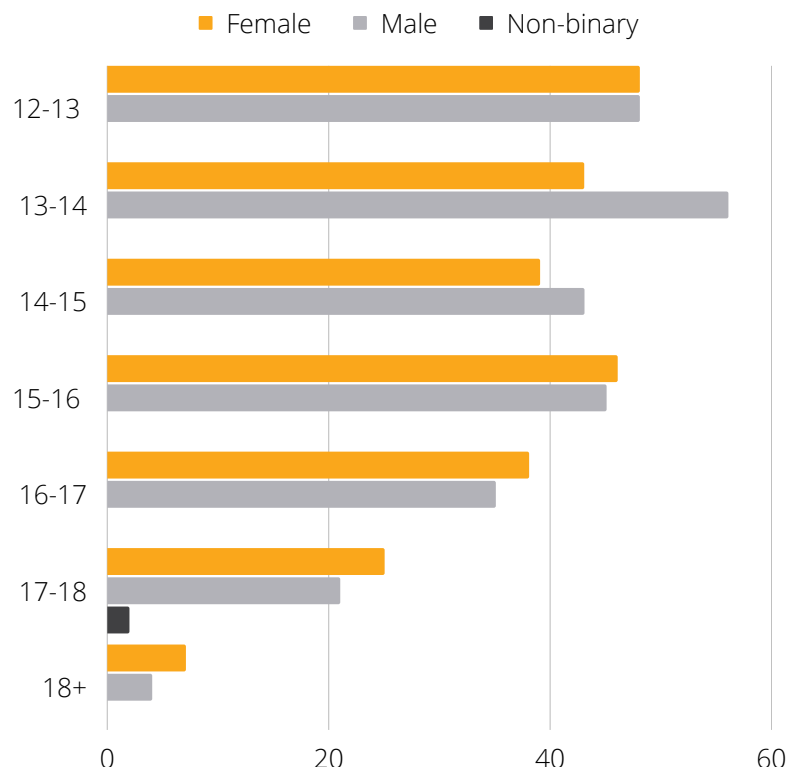
## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following graph indicates the eligibility criteria for 555 students referred to the program in the 2022-2023 period.

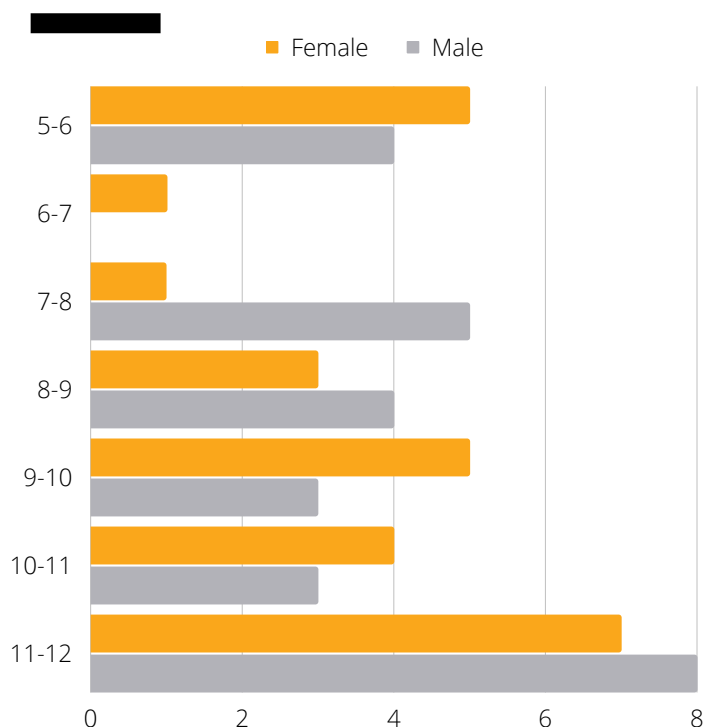
# SECONDARY SCHOOL

## AGE AND GENDER

The following graph indicates the ages and genders of Secondary School student referrals.



# PRIMARY SCHOOL



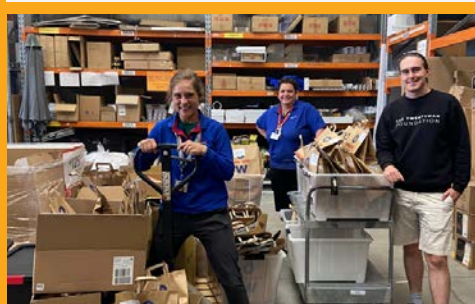
## AGE AND GENDER

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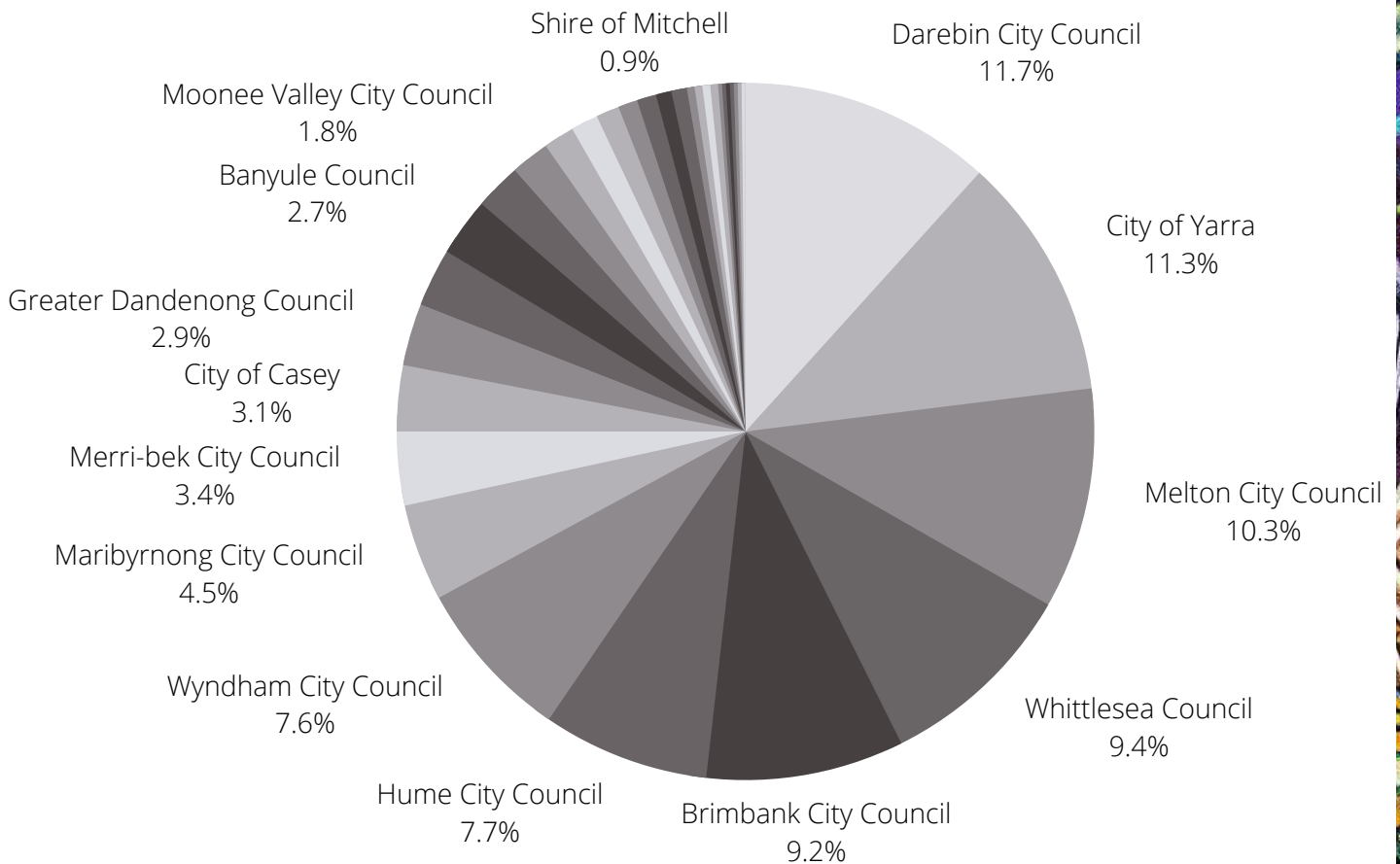
Officeworks generously donated 360 stationery packs for our students in the 2022-2023 Back To School season.

These packs included general stationery such as pens, pencils, erasers, pencil cases, writing books and other items such as folders.



Many thanks to Officeworks for your ongoing assistance towards at-risk youth! We are beyond grateful for your support.

# LOCATION OF PROGRAM RECIPIENTS



**33** council areas supported

## DEMOGRAPHIC

The following graph indicates the regions in which Back To School recipients reside.

**Our reach is continuing to grow. This year we have supported students from almost half of all Victorian Council areas.**

**42%**

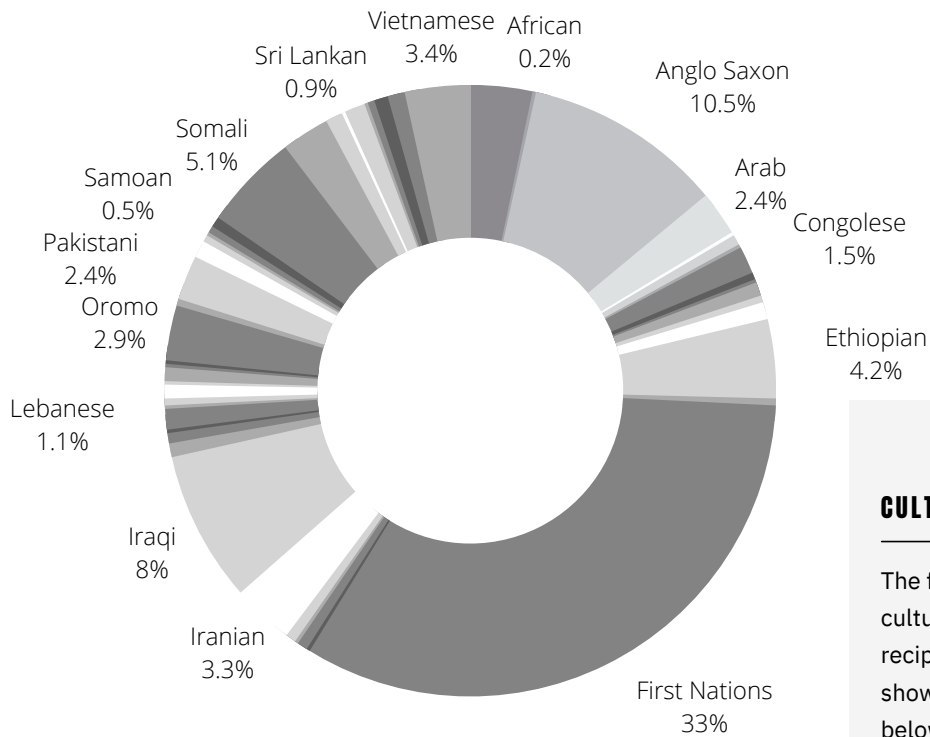
# BTS SUPPORTED STUDENTS FROM 132 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

**In comparison to the previous year, we have supported 46 new schools in the 2022-23 program.**

- Albion P.S
- Al-Taqwa College
- Altona College
- Armstrong Creek School
- Blackburn H.S
- Box Hill North P.S
- Braybrook S.C
- Brunswick S.C
- Buckley Park College
- Bundoora S.C
- Cambridge P.S
- Carey Baptist G.S
- Caroline Chisholm C.C
- Catholic Regional College
- Centre for Adult Education
- Cheltenham Secondary
- Coburg H.S
- Collingwood College
- Copperfield College
- Cranbourne East S.C
- Cranbourne S.C
- Dandenong H.S
- Davis Creek P.S
- Diamond Valley College
- Doherty's Creek P-9 College
- East Preston Islamic College
- Edenbrook S.C
- Edger's Creek S.C
- Elevation S. C.
- Elwood S.C
- Emerald S.C
- Epping S.C
- Epping Views P.S
- Essendon Keilor College
- Fairhills H.S
- Footscray City P.S
- Footscray H.S
- Fountain Gate S.C
- Frankston H.S
- Gladstone Park S.C
- Glen Waverley S.C
- Glenroy College
- Goonawarra P.S
- Greensborough S.C
- Hampton Park S.C
- Hazel Glen College
- Healesville H.S
- Heathmont College
- Hester Hornbrook Academy
- Hoppers Crossing S.C
- Hume Central S.C
- Ilim College
- John Fawkner College
- Kambrya College
- Keilor Downs College
- Keysborough College
- Koonung S.C
- Kurungung S.C
- Lalor S.C
- Laverton P - 12
- Lilydale H.S
- Lilydale Heights S.C
- Lyndale S.C
- Lyndhurst S.C
- Manor Lakes
- Marian College
- Maribyrnong S.C
- Melbourne Girls College
- Melbourne High
- Melton S.C
- Mentone Girls S.C
- Mentone Park Primary
- Menzie's Creek Primary
- Mernda C.C
- Mill Park S.C
- Minaret P. C
- Minaret S.C
- Montmorency S.C
- Mooroolbark College
- Mount Ridley College
- Mount Ridley P-12
- Narre Warren South P-12 College
- Noble Park S.C
- Norwood S.C
- Nossal High School
- Oberon High School
- Oberon Primary School
- Officer S. C
- Pakenham S.C
- Parade College
- Parkmore P.S
- Pascoe Vale G.C
- Penola S.C
- Reservoir H.S
- Rosehill S.C
- Roxburgh College
- Roxburgh Homestead P.S
- Sacred Heart College
- Simonds C.C
- St Albans S.C
- St Bede's College
- St Bernard's College
- St Helena S.C
- St John's Regional College
- St Michael's Grammar
- Staughton College
- Strathmore S.C
- Sunbury Downs College
- Sunbury S. C.
- Sunshine College
- Taylor's Lakes S.C
- Templestowe College
- The Grange P-12
- Thomas Carr College
- Thomastown S.C
- Thomastown West P.S
- Thornbury H.S
- Timbarro P-9 College
- University High
- Upper Yarra S.C
- Victoria University S.C
- Victoria Virtual School
- Wallan S.C
- Wantirna College
- Wellington S.C
- Werribee S.C
- Whittlesea S.C
- William Ruthven S.C
- Williamstown H.S
- Woodmans Hill S.C.
- Woodville P.S
- Wyndham Central College
- Yarram Oaks Primary School



# CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS



## CULTURAL BACKGROUND

The following graph indicates the cultural backgrounds of Back To School recipients. Only a random selection are shown on the graph, a full list is provided below.

THIS YEAR WE SUPPORTED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM A TOTAL OF 49 DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS.

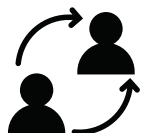
### TOP FIVE:

**FIRST NATIONS - 33% | ANGLO-SAXON - 10.5% | IRAQI - 8% | SOMALI - 5.1% | VIETNAMESE - 3.4%**

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|----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| First Nations        | German      | Oromo            |
| Afghan               | Greek       | Pacific Islander |
| Unidentified African | Hazara      | Pakistani        |
| Anglo Saxon          | Indian      | Persian          |
| Arab                 | Iranian     | Rohigyan         |
| Assyrian             | Iraqi       | Rwandan          |
| Burmese              | Italian     | Salvadoran       |
| Chilean              | Karen       | Samoan           |
| Congolese            | Kurdish     | Somali           |
| Croatian             | Lebanese    | South Sudanese   |
| Dinka                | Liberian    | Sri Lankan       |
| Egyptian             | Malay       | Swedish          |
| English              | Maori       | Syrian           |
| Eritrean             | Myanmar     | Tamil            |
| Ethiopian            | New Zealand | Tongan           |
| Filipino             | Nigerian    | Turkish          |
|                      |             | Vietnamese       |

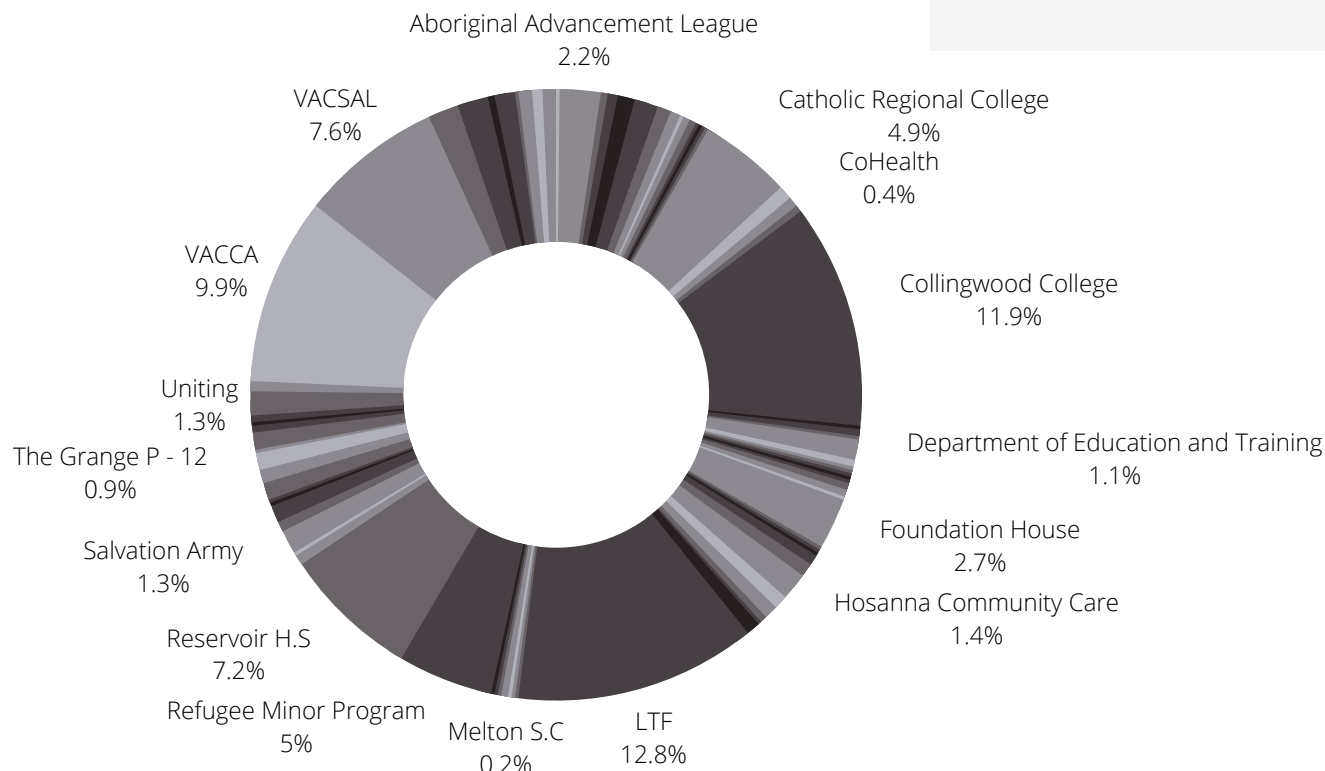


# REFERRERS



## REFERRERS

The following graph indicates who referred Back To School recipients. Only a random selection are shown on the graph, a full list is provided below.

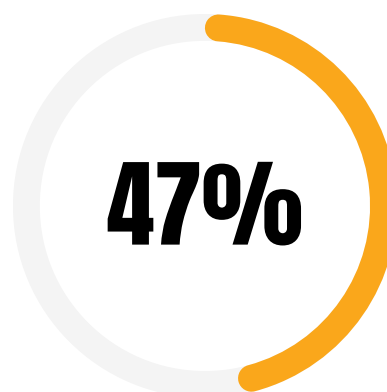


### TOP FIVE:

LTF – 12.8%, Collingwood College – 11.9%, VACCA – 9.9%, VCSAL – 7.6%, Reservoir HS – 7.2%

**78** schools and organisations referred students

**In comparison to the previous year, almost half of the referrals came from new agencies, demonstrating the increased need for support.**



# BTS SUPPORTED STUDENTS REFERRED FROM 78 DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS

**In comparison to the previous year, we had 35 new referrers in the 2022-23 program.**

Aafro Saturday School  
Aboriginal Advancement League  
Aboriginal Gathering Place - City of Casey  
AFRO  
Anglicare  
ASRC  
Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre  
Berry Street  
Berwick Fields P.S  
Blackburn H.S  
Braybrook College  
Brimbank Youth Services  
Brotherhood of St Laurence  
Buckley Park College  
Caroline Chishom CC  
Catholic Regional College  
CIS Moreland  
Coburg High School  
CoHealth  
Collingwood College  
Copperfield College  
Cranbourne Secondary College  
Dandenong H.S  
Department of Education and Training  
DFFH  
Diamond Valley Community Support  
Djerriwarrah Community & Education Services  
Elevation S. C.  
Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's  
Service  
Epping Secondary College  
Footscray City P.S  
Foundation House  
Fountain Gate Secondary College  
Gen West  
Glenroy West Primary School  
Heathmont S.C  
Hobsons Bay Refugee Network  
Hosanna Community Care  
Jesuit Social Services

Keilor Downs College  
Koonung S.C  
Koori Kids  
Life Without Barriers  
LTF  
McAuley Community Services  
Melton S.C  
Narra Warren College P -12  
Office of Steve McGhie MP  
OzChild  
Pakenham S.C  
Red Cross  
Refugee Minor Program  
Reservoir H.S  
Royal Children's Hospital  
Sacred Heart College  
Salvation Army  
South East Community Links  
Spectrum  
St Bernard's College  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
Staughton College  
Sunshine College  
The Grange P - 12  
The Orange Door  
The Smith Family  
Thornbury H.S  
TImbarra P-9 College  
Uniting  
Upper Yarra S.C  
VACCA  
VACSAL  
VAHS  
Very Special Kids  
Victoria University Secondary College  
Wathaurong Co-op  
Wedge Park P.S  
Whittlesea S.C  
Youth Junction Inc

# DONATING SCHOOLS



St Leonard's Secondary College  
Lauriston Girls School  
The King David School (Laptops)  
Brighton Secondary College  
Bentleigh Secondary College  
Trinity Grammar School  
Carey Baptist Grammar School  
Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School  
Scotch College

Strathmore Secondary College  
St Michael's Grammar School  
Camberwell Girls Grammar School  
Caulfield Grammar School  
Balwyn High School  
Wesley College  
St Bernard's College  
Marcellin College

St Bede's College  
Genazzano College  
Parkdale Secondary College  
Firbank Grammar  
Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak  
Whitefriars Catholic College  
Lowther Hall Anglican Girl's  
Grammar School



# SUPPLIERS

Abacus	Edrolo	Officeworks
Academic Solutions	I love Books	Oxford University Press
Cambridge University Press	Jacaranda	Pearson
Campion Education	JP Books	The Computer Company
Car West Rentals	Lilydale Books	123Read2Me
Chemist Warehouse	North of the Yarra	

These key suppliers provide a range of support to the BTS program, without which we would be unable to survive.

Support Includes: Donated or discounted books, online access codes, laptops, calculators, stationery, storage, computer refurbishment, van hire, boxes, furniture, printing supplies and trouble shooting.

# VOLUNTEERS



We would like to extend a massive thank you to all of our amazing volunteers - without you our program would be unable to operate (and would be nowhere near as fun).



# NEWS & MEDIA

This year with the current cost of living crisis hitting those in need hardest, we had a lot of media interest around our families and our Back To School Program.

Links to full articles and news reports are provided below.

**Herald Sun – ‘School Crunch Pushes Charities to the Limit’.**

**Nine News ‘Feeling the Pressure’.**

**The Age “Beg and Borrow”.**



**We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to the education of at-risk youth!**



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