



Aussie school kids set to raise 100k to support kids in Ukraine

SchoolAid launches new campaign that will see school children across the country support thousands of displaced children in Ukraine

Sydney, (8 June 2022), SchoolAid, Australia's leading philanthropic organisation that engages schools to empower their students in causes they care about, has launched a new campaign to support school children in war torn Ukraine.

With current hostilities, including attacks on schools in Ukraine, endangering the lives and futures of the country's 7.5 million children, leaving an estimated 350,000 children with no access to education, SchoolAid has launched its **'Stand with Schools in Ukraine' Appeal**.

"Through the **'Stand with Schools in Ukraine' Appeal** we are calling on all Australian schools to raise money for schools and students in Ukraine directly affected by this disaster," said SchoolAid CEO, Sean Gordon.

With devastating news out of the United Nations that two teachers were killed when a missile struck a school in Gorlovka in eastern Ukraine and at least six educational facilities have faced shelling in recent days, kids are facing a crisis in Ukraine that will leave a generation of children without access to education.

"The conflict in Ukraine has been ongoing since 2014 which has seen the forced closure of more than 750 schools, disrupting access to education for hundreds of thousands of children, with the escalation of violence only worsening a terrible situation for kids," said Mr Gordon.

With UNICEF reporting more than 200,000 children in need of urgent and sustained psychological support after living through years of violence, they will need the support of the world more than ever.

SchoolAid is a unique organisation that helps teach children about the importance of philanthropy and has with the support of 6500 schools and their students across the country raised over \$6 million to help with crises, both global and domestic.

"Doing what they can to help is a great way for children to deal with issues that are completely out of their control and as well as the social good now, we are also helping to build the next generation of philanthropists," said Mr Gordon.

Through the **'Stand with Schools in Ukraine' Appeal** SchoolAid is looking to raise over \$100,000 which will be distributed amongst charities to help children get access to education and the psychological support that many will need.

Donations can be made for the campaign by heading to the [SchoolAid 'Stand with Schools in Ukraine' Appeal](https://www.schoolaid.org.au/) on the SchoolAid website <https://www.schoolaid.org.au/>.

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SchoolAid's purpose is to '*empower young philanthropists*' by providing in-school support and a crowdfunding platform to enable young people to raise money for charitable causes they care about. The true goal is to improve student wellbeing. Through giving to others, students are empowered to make a difference and in turn feel happier about their world and their place in it.

Since SchoolAid's establishment in 1999, over 6,500 schools have participated in more than 75 campaigns, raising well over \$6 million for charitable causes, across Australia and internationally.

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