

# Learning for Life Partnership 2025



The Smith Family are a national, independent children's education charity that helps disadvantaged young Australians to succeed at school, so that they can create better futures for themselves. Our success is measured on:

- *School attendance*: demonstrate a strong commitment and engagement to education.
- *Advancement*: completion of Year 12 or equivalent.
- *Engagement*: post school engagement in education or work.

## Opportunities for 2025

### Learning for Life Scholarships

**Contact: Yolanda Martinez**

The *Learning for Life* program works in partnership with families to support their children's education and increase their chances of success at school.

#### Am I eligible for Learning for Life?

To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Have a Health Card or Pension Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in a school we work with
- ✓ Support your child to attend school regularly

#### How do I express my interest?

Please contact Yolanda Martinez to register your interest. Yolanda's details are shown below.

### Programs and Activities

**Contact: Tiffany Williams**

The Smith Family offer a variety of programs for students, which include:

**Learning Club** – Homework support with volunteer tutors in a safe & supportive out-of-school environment.

**Student2Student** – Eligible students aged 8-14 can participate in this confidence building reading practice program.

**Work Inspiration** – A business-led initiative that provides young people with opportunities to experience the world of work.

**Financial Literacy** – Learning how to make sound financial decisions in a fun and interactive way.

*\*Programs subject to availability and eligibility*

## Your Learning for Life team:



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# What is *Learning for Life*?

The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program provides long-term targeted support that begins early in a child's life and continues throughout their education.

The program provides families and students with a combination of financial and personal support, as well as access to evidence based learning programs that help them keep up and stay motivated throughout their educational journey.

Our work is underpinned by research and evidence-based practice, enabling us to be innovative, responsive and relevant. It ensures we develop and deliver programs and support that respond effectively and efficiently to the needs of the children, young people, families, partner schools and the communities where we work.

We track the progress of students receiving *Learning for Life* support against four longer-term outcomes:

- school attendance
- completion of Year 12 or its equivalent
- continuation through and completion of tertiary studies and
- post-school engagement in education, training or work.

We also assess the short-term outcomes of our programs, as these help to put children on the path to reaching the four longer-term goals.



**Financial support**  
to pay for school essentials, like uniforms, books and excursions



**Personal support**  
for the child and their family from a Family Partnership Coordinator



**Practical support**  
through access to our additional learning and mentoring programs, tailored to each child's needs