



Paw Pals Appeal

Schools Fundraising Pack

Support children and young people to get the best start in life.

The Importance of Education

At MacKillop, we see education as key to helping young people achieve their goals.

We know young people learn most effectively when they feel safe and supported. Our goal is to ensure that learning is a positive experience that offers not only academic success, but also nurtures a young person's social and emotional wellbeing.

Right now, we are seeing some of the highest ever rates of mental health, literacy and social and emotional challenges amongst our children and young people across the country.

We need to come together as a community to respond to this growing crisis.



A mural of MacKillop's first therapy dog, Millie at our Maidstone campus.

Introducing the Paw Pals

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MacKillop's Paw Pals Program supports students who are disengaged from learning to build their confidence and restore their connections to school with the help of therapy dogs.

Through individualised learning sessions, students work in partnership with a therapy dog and Paw Pals facilitator to develop enhanced skills in the areas of behaviour regulation, social and emotional learning, numeracy and literacy.





Help Open Doors To Education

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That's why, on **Tuesday 30 April**, we will be holding our **Paw Pals Matched Giving Day**.

We are calling on the community to help raise vital funds to continue and grow our Paw Pals Program.

Over an exciting 24 hours, all donations to the Paw Pals Appeal will be tripled by our generous partners, including Petstock Foundation.



Get involved

Please join us this Paw Pals Matched Giving Day. Together, we can help students who are struggling to learn.

Host a fundraiser

Gather your teachers and students for a morning tea on Tuesday 30 April. We have prepared a range of activities to support your event, including Paw Pals inspired trivia and a photo competition.

Invite the Paw Pals to your school

To help inspire your students to fundraise, we could arrange a visit from the Paw Pals to explain how the program is helping students reconnect with education.



Your impact

Whether big or small, your contribution will help students in need to engage with their education in a safe and relaxed environment.

All funds raised in the Paw Pals Appeal will enable MacKillop to:

- Continue the Paw Pals program across Australia
- Grow the Paw Pals team so we can reach more students in need of the program
- Provide support for the health and wellbeing of our therapy dogs so they can do their best work.



Contact Us

If you would like to discuss ways your school can get involved in this year's Paw Pals Appeal, please contact:

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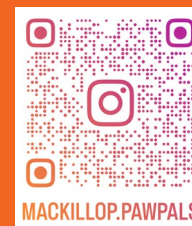
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