KickStart to help schoolgirls

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A MAJOR South Australia service-station chain has partnered with a children's charity and not-for-profit sanitary care supplier in a bid to help schoolgirls from disadvantaged homes.

According to a recently-released survey by SA Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly, one in four students is missing school over a lack of access to feminine hygiene products. It found 70 per cent of students surveyed had been forced to use toilet paper because products were not supplied, or it was too embarrassing to ask staff for them.

OTR has committed to sell TABOO's feminine hygiene products at its 122 sites across regional and metropolitan SA.

TABOO donates 100 per cent of net profits from sales of its pads and tampons to sanitary health and education projects. The products are also available at IGA Malvern.

OTR-Give partner Kick-Start for Kids will also provide free TABOO products to a number of schools.