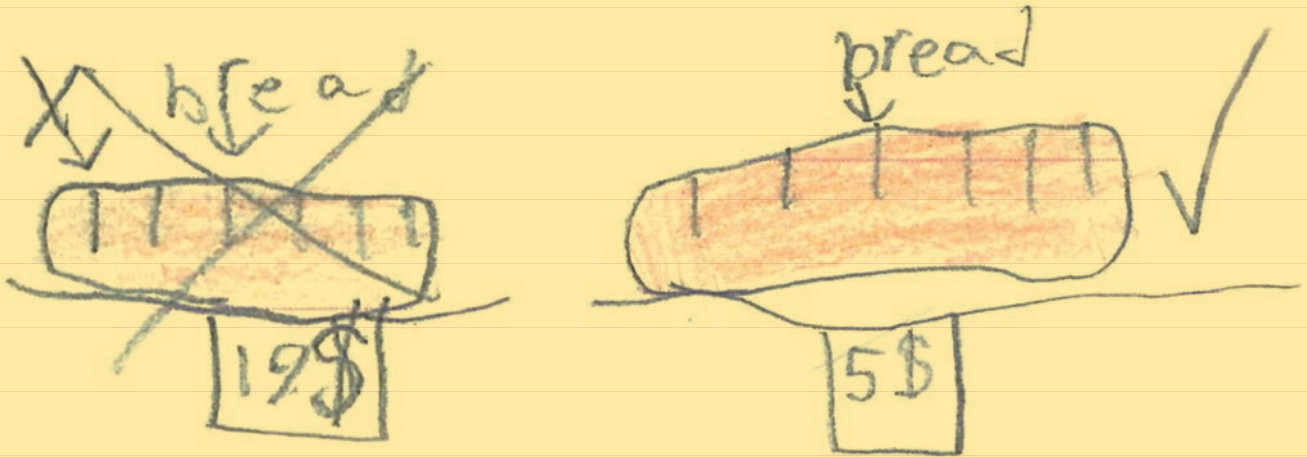


Missing Voices

Cost of living pressures as described by primary school children



This booklet draws on responses from students aged 8–12 years who participated in my annual Student Voice Postcards initiative via their school.

Answers and drawings are unedited and are in response to open-ended questions about their lives. This booklet is representative of the hundreds of responses that reflect the cost of living concerns, worries and challenges of children.

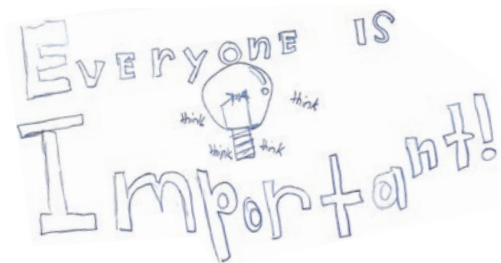
Since commencing this initiative in 2019, I have received almost 50,000 postcards from South Australian students aged 8–12 years, across Government, Catholic, and Independent primary schools.

These postcards have enabled me to better understand what children are doing, what matters to them, and what concerns they have.

The postcards are just one way to ensure South Australia is meeting its obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, specifically in relation to providing children with opportunities to express their views on all matters affecting them (Article 12).

For further information on what worries children see the Snapshot *What Children Have to Say About...* report series available at ccyp.com.au/guides-and-fact-sheets/

For further information on the Student Voice Postcards initiative visit commissionerspostcards.com.au



What are the best things about being a kid?



we Don't have
to pay bills
or go to work.

- 9 year old boy

No bills

- 9 year old boy

I dont need to pay rent.

- 10 year old boy

you don't have to pay for
car rides, petrol, a house
food and other things.

- 11 year old girl

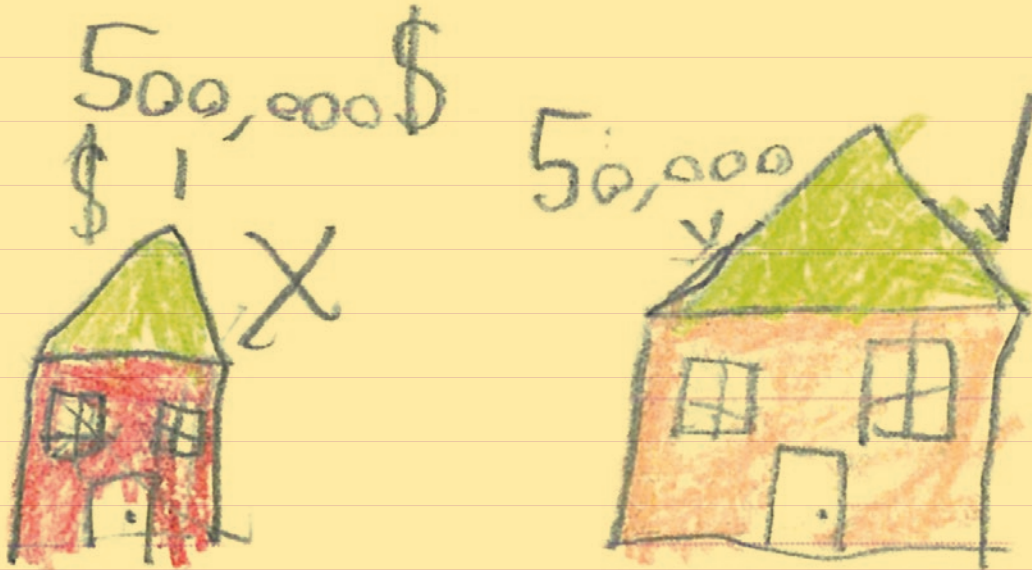
I do not need
to worry about
paying bills and
getting a car. 😊

- 12 year old girl

not haveing to spend
all my money on
feeding the family.

- 10 year old girl

What worries kids?



us going homeless and not having
any money because we need to
move houses soon and there
is no choice about it

- 10 year old girl

losing our house because
we have to pay more a week
by about \$106 or \$1000.

- 9 year old boy

My family some times
thinking I might not
have a house

- 10 year old boy

the cost of liveing

- 11 year old girl

interest rates are too high.

- 9 year old boy

the fuel prices and inflation
because it is too expensive

- 11 year old boy

my Dad and my nan
because they need
more money.

- 12 year old girl

how my family
is coping because we
have money problems

- 11 year old boy

my mum 'cos she has
no money and has to
use dad's money to feed us

- 11 year old girl

how my parents will have
enough money to buy things
we need like food. - 11 year old boy

plea dear helen, my family doesn't
like to pay bills. I feel bad to
bills are a waste of money.
with that money we could buy
more food and more stuff
please helen ♡.

- 11 year old girl

We will have no money
having to pay bills

- 11 year old girl

My parents running out of money ~~and~~
they won't be able to pay for food
coz of bills

- 12 year old girl

how much food
is in the fridge
after school

- 11 year old boy

my mum and dad
to pay the bills.

- 8 year old boy

I won't have enuf money
to buy a house.

- 9 year old boy

my dad because he can't
buy a house and his

Mum doesn't want him
living in her house

- 10 year old boy

if we can't
pay the Bill and
then Be homeless

- 9 year old girl

What could make things better?



the price of living to go down

- 11 year old girl

there should be a house
for everyone.

- 9 year old boy

my mum/nanna
could pay the bills
and be able to get
stuff for them selfs.

- 11 year old boy

That they are able to pay for food
instead of wasting all their
life savings on food!

- 12 year old girl

everyone lives in a house for free,
It doesn't even have to be a big house,
It can be small.

- 12 year old girl

if bills weren't a
thing so my family
can be rich

- 11 year old girl

They don't have to worry
about having enough money
at home or the shops

- 11 year old boy

Prices for products
and food are not
as expensive

- 11 year old boy

drop the prices for
food, water, electricity,
and rent/mortgage

- 11 year old boy

Public transport was free
so that poor people
can go somewhere

- 9 year old girl

Draw a picture for Helen here when you're done.

Kids matter!
We can be trusted!



DONT PUSH
KIDS TO
GROW UP
TOO FAST.
KIDS ARE
KIDS

children have feelings too!

