



Who is Share the Dignity?

In 2015, Share the Dignity was founded after identifying there was a genuine need to provide vulnerable women in our community with essential sanitary products. It was reported that these women are often forced to choose between buying food to eat or buying expensive sanitary items to get through their periods.

Share the Dignity works to make a real, on-the-ground difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness or fleeing domestic and family violence, ensuring that everyone is afforded the dignity in life so many of us take for granted. We distribute sanitary items to those in need and work to end period poverty here in Australia. When someone is doing it tough, the last thing on their mind should be dealing with their period.

We are proud to partner with over 3,000 charities nationally, helping them to assist the women, girls and those who menstruate who desperately need access to period products. This is achieved through our **Dignity Drives** and **Dignity Vending Machines**. We also distribute the gift of a bag for those in need at Christmas time through our annual **It's in the Bag** campaign.

www.sharethedignity.org.au

About the Share the Dignity in Queensland schools Initiative

The Queensland Government has partnered with Share the Dignity to provide students in 155 Queensland state and non-state schools with access to free sanitary products. Dignity Vending Machines will be installed in schools selected with high need to provide free sanitary products for students over a three-year period.

The initiative aims to contribute to positive educational outcomes and alleviate emotional distress for students by allowing them to focus on their education rather than on accessing supplies to manage their period.

What is a Dignity Vending Machine?

The Dignity Vending Machine is a world-first innovation that dispenses a free period pack, with 6 tampons and 2 pads at the push of a button.

Each Dignity Vending Machine is programmed with a delivery delay of 3 minutes to ensure no period packs are wasted.

Share the Dignity were shocked to discover that people were using rolled up toilet paper and hand towels to manage their periods. We could not believe that people were having to choose between feeding their family or buying period products.

The desire to address this issue fuelled the creation of the Dignity Vending Machine. Lack of access to sanitary products can lead to young people missing school in order to manage their period. The installation of Dignity Vending Machines in 155 schools across Queensland will ensure that students will not miss school because of not being able to afford pads and tampons.



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