

FACTSHEET

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SCHOOL- BASED SOCIAL WORKER



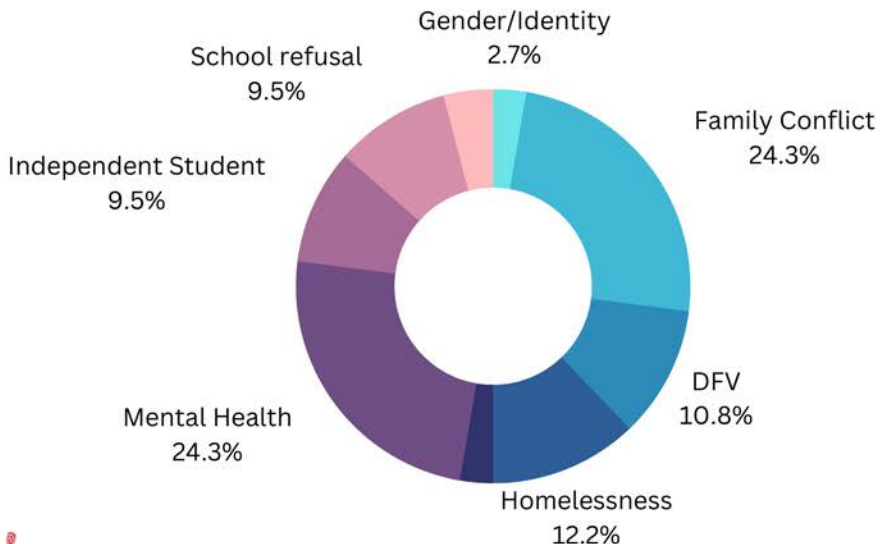
School based social work is voluntary service that works alongside young people adaptively via **site-based** appointments or **outreach**.

The program is **tailored** to meet the needs of the school and supports young people and their families to address factors contributing to a risk of early school and/or home leaving.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SBSW CAN PROVIDE

- Support outside of school system and referral for team support during holiday periods
- Outreach - flexibility to meet young people in the community
- Direct relationships with community resources and access to information e.g., housing, emergency relief and external referrals
- Individual and family counselling and support
- Group work facilitation
- Community and organisational responses

SUPPORT PROVIDED IN THE LAST YEAR



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COMMUNITY SBSW INTERVENTIONS

- **Mental Health:** general counselling, safety planning and risk assessments, exposure therapy, trauma-informed frameworks
- **Accommodation:** support to access youth accommodation services and QHIP assessment process
- **Support and Advocacy:** Human Services Australia (Centrelink)
- **Navigating systems:** understanding payments and eligibility criteria, collecting points of identification e.g., sourcing birth certificate, passport, setting up bank account, Medicare card
- **Accessing support:** transporting young people to appointments such as housing services for interviews, general practitioners, external counselling and to attend school
- **External resources:** emergency relief, food packages and community resources
- **Therapeutic family work:** reconciling with family members, parent-child system, developmental stages and conflict resolution
- **External referrals:** Legal Aid, Youth Advocacy Centre, sexual assault counselling and support, AOD, Sisters Inside and family support services

ISSUES COMMONLY ADDRESSED

- Family issues impacting a young person (conflict, finances, housing, mental and/or physical health)
- Mental health
- Grief and loss
- Domestic and family violence
- Substance use
- Gender identity and diversity
- Students living independently
- Peer and intimate relationships

PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY

We respect a young person's right to privacy and will always ask for consent before sharing information

We ensure young people understand the obligations and limits to confidentiality and promote the safety of the young person and others

Community Connections school based social workers refer to and comply with the Department of Education's Student Protection Policy

