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## Letter to the Editor - Give hope through education

Education is one of the keys to a happy and successful life.

So the fact that one in five Australian children are starting school developmentally vulnerable due to the effects of poverty should trouble us all.

Many adults who find themselves trapped by their circumstances aspire to study a qualification that will help them find work but can't afford all that is required, so their hopes remain unfulfilled.

When you're struggling with the rising cost of living, the dream of improving your circumstances or that of your children through education can seem impossible.

But with a caring hand up, struggling families and individuals can not only engage in life changing educational opportunities, but have the chance to thrive at school and lift themselves out of poverty.

Vinnies Back to School and Study Appeal aims to provide that hand up to local families who struggle with the cost of sending their children to school and for Queenslanders in need who desire to better their lives through study that leads to employment.

With your support we can ensure no child in Queensland goes to school without uniforms, school shoes, exercise books and stationery. With your support we can provide people with the chance to study at tertiary level and transform their circumstances.

You can help us give hope through education.

Every dollar donated to the Vinnies Back to School and Study Appeal will go towards life changing educational support for Queenslanders in need across our state.

Donations to the Vinnies Back to School and Study Appeal can be made at <http://bit.ly/SupportingEducation> or by phoning 13 18 12.

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**ENDS.**

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