

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND TUCKSHOP UPGRADES A QUICK GUIDE

TUCKSHOP UPGRADE FUNDING

The Queensland Government's *School Playground and Tuckshop Upgrades Program* is a great opportunity for state schools to apply for funding to upgrade their tuckshops.

The Queensland Association of School Tuckshops (QAST) understands how important fit-for-purpose infrastructure and facilities are for implementing healthier menu options.

The program aims to inspire young Queenslanders and their communities to create an environment where student's health and wellbeing is supported, with a focus on enhancing food offerings and healthy eating options made on site.

This fact sheet outlines details about the program, who can and how to apply and if the application is successful, where to next.

WHO CAN APPLY

Queensland state schools that have identified tuckshop upgrades as part of their *Strategic School Infrastructure Plan (SSIP)*, including state primary, high, middle, special education, outdoor and distance education schools, are eligible to apply.

Prioritisation will be given to the highest need projects, such as those in disadvantaged areas.

HOW TO APPLY

Principals of interested schools are invited to express their interest on the OnePortal page.

Applications close Friday 31 March 2023 at 5pm.

ELIGIBLE TUCKSHOP UPGRADES

The school tuckshop upgrade program will typically fund the following types of projects:

- New or refurbished facilities
- Catering appliances and equipment
- Stainless steel benches
- Commercial sinks and tapware.

Only one tuckshop upgrade project application will be accepted per school.

PREPARING YOUR PLANS AND APPLICATION

A good grant application should effectively address the selection criteria by demonstrating your school's ability to deliver the upgrades.

If you are successful in securing funding, consider engaging a professional designer to assist you with your fit out design, plan drawings and budget preparation.

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CONSIDERATIONS WHEN REFURBISHING A SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

The Department of Education has prepared a useful document to assist school communities when refurbishing existing school tuckshops to ensure all works comply with the *Building Code of Australia*, the *Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995* and the *Design, Fit-out Requirements for State Food Businesses* (applies to Queensland Government businesses), as well as the *Smart Choices* policy.

Take a look at the [Refurbishment Fact Sheet](#).

DESIGN STANDARDS

The [Design Standards for DETE Facilities guide](#) provides guidance on expectations for tuckshop areas.

Refer to section *4.1.10 Food Preparation Areas* for detailed information on what to consider when designing and refurbishing a tuckshop.

TUCKSHOP EQUIPMENT

Timeframes for food service in tuckshops are often short, so large quantities need to be produced easily to ensure that the deadlines are met.

Commercial cooking equipment, including ovens, contact grills, and dishwashers, make catering in the tuckshop more efficient.

QAST has prepared a [Useful Equipment Checklist](#) to help you identify if you're using the right equipment or to identify any gaps.

SUPPLIERS

QAST works with the following companies who specialise in tuckshop fit-outs and refurbishments:

DESIGN COMPANIES

- [By Proxy Retail](#)
- [Food Strategy](#)

Otherwise, QAST encourages you to reach out to members of your school and broader community. You may have architects, builders and allied trades people who are willing to provide expert guidance and support.

EQUIPMENT PROVIDERS

- [Moffat](#) (commercial bakery equipment)
- [Worldwide Vending](#) (refrigeration equipment)
- [Hot Price Hospitality](#) (all hospitality equipment)
- [Stoddart](#) (food service equipment)
- [Coldroom Shelving Australia](#) (shelving)
- [Southern Cross Food Equipment](#) (commercial kitchen equipment)
- [Unox](#) (commercial ovens)
- [Nisbets](#) (commercial equipment)

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