



Kids Under Cover Challenge

KUC support vulnerable young people aged 12-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, with a focus on those leaving out of home care and indigenous youth. Challenges include overcrowding and subsequent tensions as young people get older. They desire some independence but still need a secure and stable environment.

FutureSteps Projects

KUC build relocatable, one and two bedroom studios in the backyard of a family or carer's home. Village 21s house six residents exiting out of home care alongside two mentors as they transition to independence.

FutureSteps has supported three projects:

- ❖ **Village21 in Preston** – funded \$20K towards housing young people 18-21 for up to three years. Partnering with Anglicare for life skills and support.
- ❖ **Hume Studio** - \$77K to fund a new two-bedroom studio in the backyard of a Hume house, delivered in COVID.
- ❖ **Greater Dandenong Studio** - \$47K to fund another new two-bedroom studio.

Further Lendlease support

- ❖ **Community Grant** – \$10K towards education scholarships to support the young people receiving housing.

Outcomes & Impact



10 new bedrooms created



15+ people benefiting to date



\$20K in-kind support

Preston Village21 has been a successful pilot program with continued backing from Darebin Council. Ten young people have lived at Village21 along with two volunteer mentors who benefit from no cost housing. **Check out more on [Village 21 here](#).**

Hume studio project has had a huge impact on the family with the two older children able to have their space and maintain connection to the family.

Greater Dandenong studio project – will be built in late 2023.

Last word from Kids Under Cover

“This funding enables us to extend the reach of our important studio and Village 21 programs to alleviate high risk situations and prevent young people becoming homeless.” **Stephen Nash, CEO, Kids Under Cover**

“Places like Village21 give people like me a place to stay, study and learn, and go out into the future.”
Village 21 resident.

Support Kids Under Cover [here](#).

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