



Here's your guide to running The BIG Water Walk with your school this Lent!

What is The BIG Water Walk?

Every day, 292 million people around the world walk long distances to collect water. This Lent, unite your school community to walk in solidarity with them by taking part in The BIG Water Walk.

It couldn't be easier to get involved. Pick a date during Lent, decide on your distance and plan a route around your school grounds or local park. Then, get your school community together for a challenge that creates ripples of change around the world.

Why take part in The BIG Water Walk?

The BIG Water Walk is an exciting and meaningful way to engage students in learning and action this Lent. By joining the challenge, your students will:

- Act in solidarity with students and families across the world who lack access to clean water.
- Learn about social justice and live out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.
- Raise vital funds to support communities across the world who dream of a better future.

"Our BIG Water Walk helped students see solidarity in action. They felt connected to children their own age around the world."

— Teacher, Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

What impact will your school's BIG Water Walk have?

This year, your school's BIG Water Walk will help students like Sisilia, a 13-year-old girl from rural Tanzania. Sisilia often missed classes at school because she had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, her community now has safe, clean water nearby – giving Sisilia more time to learn and chase her dreams.

Your school's BIG Water Walk will create real change for students like Sisilia.



\$2,000

Can build two water collection points in rural Tanzania, providing safe drinking water for 800 people.



\$4,000

Can rehabilitate the main pipeline for piped water supply system, which can give life to a dilapidated water system and supply safe drinking water to 4,000 people.



\$6,000

Can help establish a 25,000 litre water tank and collection point for a school in rural Tanzania, supplying safe drinking water to 1,000 students.

The BIG Water Walk Checklist

Follow this step-by-step guide to running The BIG Water Walk at your school, and get your students involved in the planning for extra impact.

Step 1 - Sign your school up

- ☐ Visit projectcompassion.org.au/schools
- ☐ Search for your school using your school name or supporter ID.
- ☐ Activate your school's profile – just create an account and follow the prompts to complete setup.
- ☐ Select how your school is going to fundraise this year!
- ☐ Set up teams for each class or homeroom to spark some friendly competition!
- ☐ Share a link to your school's fundraising page with parents – they just need to click 'Join Us' to sign up their child.
- ☐ Let the fundraising begin!

Step 2 - Plan your BIG Water Walk

- ☐ Check out all the handy resources in your BIG Water Walk toolkit.
- ☐ Pick a date during Lent to hold your walk.
- ☐ Decide your distance and plan where your students will walk – whether it's the school playground or a local park.
- ☐ Complete a Risk Assessment.
- ☐ Display The BIG Water Walk poster to spread the word and inspire your school community to get excited and involved!

Your BIG Water Walk Toolkit



When you register your school for The BIG Water Walk, you'll get:

- Your school's unique QR code for collecting donations online with ease
- Posters to promote your event
- Powerful case studies to share with students
- Signage for your route
- Certificates to celebrate your achievement
- Trivia cards to make learning fun and interactive





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Step 3 - On the day

- ☐ Start with an Acknowledgement of Country.
- ☐ Pray together using the Project Compassion Lenten Prayer.
- ☐ Share Sisilia's story – consider holding a reflection on water scarcity using the story of 13-year-old Sisilia and her daily struggle for water and education.
- ☐ Walk your chosen distance together.
- ☐ Take lots of photos and videos of your BIG Water Walk.

Step 4 - After your walk

- ☐ Celebrate your students by handing out The BIG Water Walk stickers.
- ☐ Give out a Certificate of Appreciation to anyone involved in the event.
- ☐ Share your school's BIG Water Walk photos with Caritas Australia by uploading them [here](#).
- ☐ Reflect as a school community on what you have achieved together.

Top Tip!



Think about extra engagement opportunities to remind your students of the powerful “why” behind why they're walking. Students could:

- Carry buckets of water to help them understand the effort required to transport it - make sure to use your BIG Water Walk bucket stickers for this (if you didn't order any, please get in touch and we'll do our best to help).
- Pause at 'reflection stops' along the route to reflect and pray.
- Use our BIG Water Walk trivia to help students connect with Sisilia's story and learn about water scarcity.



By joining **The BIG Water Walk**, your school community is not just raising funds – your students are living out Catholic Social Teaching principles, acting for justice and changing lives around the world.

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