

Keep the Change

What is Keep the Change?

Making sound financial decisions can be overwhelming especially when you are not sure how it all works!

Keep the Change is a fun, practical and interactive program, designed for high school classrooms.



Young people will engage in a series of hands on group activities, with the goal of building their financial literacy to make informed financial decisions, while increasing their understanding of how these choices may impact their future.

How does it work?

Keep the Change is designed to be a fun, interactive experience. The program is run by a trained facilitator, with teacher support, within the classroom environment.

The program has a range of practical activities to build skills and knowledge. They include:

- Tangible activities to assist young people gain a better understanding of their own beliefs and attitudes towards finance.
- SMART goal worksheets to define what success might look like for each student.
- Interactive, narrated scenarios designed to explore and understand the options available to young people.
- Discussions and activities centered on budgeting, saving, investing, taxation and superannuation – to name a few.
- Activities to gain confidence in discussing money with peers and family.

What are the benefits to students?

- Helps young people understand and become more comfortable with financial concepts.
- Young people will gain insights into the considerations applicable to real life financial decisions.
- Young people will better understand how these decisions may impact their financial future.

What past students have said

- 92% of students indicated they felt more confident making financial decisions after completing the program
- 88% of students stated they would recommend Keep the Change to other students. The remaining 12% stating 'maybe'
- Prior to attending the program, 20% of students indicated they knew what questions to ask of themselves and others when facing financial decisions. That jumped to 96% after completing the program

Next steps

- Keep the Change is running at your school
- You'll need to register to participate in this program
- The program will then be run in the classroom during regular school hours

Who can I contact with questions?

For further information, please reach out to your school or your local Smith Family Programs Coordinator