At Food Share we run educational sessions which highlight food insecurity in our region. It is beneficial to brief your group on the food insecurity challenge prior to attending the warehouse.

*Food insecurity occurs when people lack secure access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development and active and healthy life. Food insecurity affects regional Victorians disproportionately to people residing in metropolitan areas (15.1% of regional Victorians vs 12.6% in metro areas). Over 4500\* children in our region live in poverty.*

School group visits can be booked **Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday** between **12 noon and 3.30pm**

**Your students will participate in a hands-on learning experience building emergency food boxes which will take approx. 40 mins including Q & A. Please discuss your required learning outcomes with us prior to the session.

Booking**

After you have discussed availability with our Executive Officer Amanda Hennessy (0428 197 715) please book your visit by emailing our eo@districtfoodshare.org.au noting the following details:

* Your full name
* School Name
* Position
* Contact number (mobile if possible)
* Numbers– we are currently capping our groups at 15 per visit (including teachers). Please discuss this with us as we are flexible in running multiple groups.

**Donations** – please feel free to bring a donation of pantry products with you as we often run low of essential pantry products. 😊 Our most needed products include:

* Tinned tuna – small cans
* Breakfast spreads – vegemite, jam, honey, peanut butter
* Breakfast cereal (healthy)
* Tins of mixed vegetable e.g., peas and carrots or other varieties
* UHT FC Milk – 1 Lt
* 2 min Noodles
* Chunky Soup in a can

**Food Share WHS Checklist -** the following are available:

* Accessible toilets and First Aid Kit
* If any person is displaying COVID, cold or flu symptoms on the day of the session they are asked not to attend.

Note - Staff conducting the session have a current WWCC and Police check.
Note - No machinery will be operated while a visit is taking place.

**Additional Opportunity - Food Share partnership with Volcano Produce**

Our partnership is offering schools the opportunity to visit Volcano Produce at Illowa – students will have a real-life experience of growing and harvesting spray free fruit and veggies that are then donated to Food Share for Emergency Food Hampers. Lots more info + bookings at <https://volcanoproduce.com.au/hands-on-learning>