

# Christmas Appeal Frequently Asked Questions



## 1. What is the IFYS Christmas Appeal?

The IFYS Christmas Appeal is an annual fundraising initiative aimed at bringing joy to children, young people, and families in need during the holiday season. All donations, whether gifts or monetary contributions, help support individuals who may otherwise go without during Christmas.

## 2. How can I support the appeal?

**You can support the IFYS Christmas Appeal by:**

- **Donating Gifts:** Purchase toys, clothing, or gift cards to be distributed to children and families in need.
- **Monetary Donations:** Contribute financially, allowing IFYS to purchase specific items for those in need.
- **Sponsorship:** Businesses can sponsor gift packages or donate services to assist families over the holiday season.

## 3. What types of gifts are needed?

We are seeking new and unwrapped gifts suitable for children, young people, and families. This ensures that every recipient feels valued and appreciated. Below are some gift ideas to help guide your donation:

### For Babies & Toddlers:

- Soft toys, musical toys, building blocks, sensory items.
- Clothing (sizes 0-3), baby care kits, blankets, and books.

### For Children (3-12 years):

- Board games, arts and crafts kits, puzzles, LEGO sets.
- Sports equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, cricket sets).
- Storybooks, colouring books, educational toys.

### For Teenagers (13-18 years):

- Gift cards (e.g., JB Hi-Fi, Kmart, clothing stores).
- Clothing vouchers, movie tickets.
- Bluetooth speakers, headphones, power banks.
- Sports gear, skincare products, journals, stationery.

### For Families:

- Grocery store gift cards (e.g., Woolworths, Coles Etc).
- Christmas treats and festive food hampers.
- Non-perishable food items



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## **4. Where can I drop off donations?**

Donations can be dropped off at our IFYS office located at **37 Dalton Drive, Maroochydore**

## **5. Can I donate used items?**

While we appreciate the thought, we kindly request new and unused items only to ensure every gift is of the highest quality for the recipient. This maintains the dignity of those receiving your generous contributions.

## **6. Can I donate cash instead of gifts?**

Absolutely. Financial donations are greatly appreciated and allow us to purchase specific gifts or cover urgent needs for families during the holiday season. You can donate securely through the IFYS website or by contacting our office for other options.

## **7. Are donations tax-deductible?**

Yes, all financial donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. You will receive a receipt for your donation via email.

## **8. When is the deadline for donations?**

To ensure timely distribution, please deliver all gifts and donations by 15 December. This allows us to organize and distribute the gifts to families before Christmas.

## **9. Can my business or organisation get involved?**

Absolutely! We welcome partnerships with businesses and organisations. You can help by:

- Hosting a gift collection drive.
- Donating services or products.
- Providing sponsorship for holiday hampers or specific families in need. Contact IFYS to discuss how your organisation can be part of the Christmas Appeal.

## **10. How will my donation make a difference?**

Your contribution will bring smiles to children and families who may be struggling this holiday season. It's not just about gifts—it's about letting them know they are cared for and remembered during a time that can often feel isolating. Every donation, big or small, helps create a joyful Christmas for those in need.

*Thank You for Your Generosity!*

If you have any further questions, please contact IFYS on **5438 3000**. Your support helps spread joy and hope this holiday season!