

Ladder St Vincent Street

Eligibility Criteria

Ladder St Vincent Street (SVS) is a program located in the heart of Port Adelaide that provides young people aged 16 – 21 who are homeless or risk of homelessness with access to a wide range of development programs, onsite support and medium term independent accommodation.

Education, Training and Employment

When applying for a position at Ladder SVS, young people must provide an outline of their current engagement in education, training and/or employment (EET). If the applicant is currently not engaged in any form of EET then they must provide a clear plan that outlines their goal to re-engage.

Accommodation

Ladder SVS provides independent accommodation for 23 residents who initially sign a 12 month lease with Housing SA. This requires the applicant to not only demonstrate that they have a level of independent living skills required to maintain their own apartment but also the skills required to live in an apartment styled complex with 22 other residents.

Ladder St Vincent Street provides young people with a medium term housing option. There are no fixed time frames, rather young people will be transitioned out of the program and into other housing when they identify as being ready to do so.

The Ladder Development Program

With the support of a Case Manager, every young person living at Ladder SVS constructs their own set of goals (case plans) to achieve. A team of Case Workers work closely with the young people during their stay to help them achieve these goals. Case plans focus on employment, training or education and other areas of a young person's life where they would like support, such as accommodation, independent living skills, health and wellbeing, cultural identity, and positive community connections. In addition to this young people are required to participate in weekly Ladder Activities Group sessions aimed at addressing areas such as Health and Wellbeing, Education, Training and Employment, Community Connection and Accommodation.

Ladder SVS provides young people with a unique opportunity to be matched with an individual Mentor. Past and present AFL players and elite female athletes volunteer their time to share their experiences and assist young people in reaching their goals and aspirations. The mentoring program is a fun way to develop life skills, self-worth and positive community contribution.