

FACT SHEET



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Canteen Upgrade Wish list

If you are going for a grant or just upgrading the canteen there are lots of different ways to spend your money. The following list is from schools I have worked with and what they have spent their money on recently.

You are always best to go for commercial equipment where possible. Domestic warranties don't apply when equipment is used in a canteen.

- ❖ Air conditioners- Aim for ones like Coles so you don't have to close everything up
- ❖ Benches- If you are changing to stainless steel benches get them with lockable wheels so you can move them about if you need to.
- ❖ Cash registers, scanners and point of sale equipment- The scanners are excellent if you have self serve
- ❖ Coffee machines- the volunteers will love you for it!
- ❖ Coin counters-makes sorting and counting so much quicker at the end of the day
- ❖ Cold room- you can also get ones that are half freezer as well
- ❖ Commercial blender
- ❖ Commercial dishwashers- they have 1 and 3 minute cycles and can bit extra large items. Volunteers will love you for this one too!
- ❖ Commercial foot pedal bins
- ❖ Commercial microwave
- ❖ Commercial Mixmaster/juicer
- ❖ Commercial Ovens-If you are buying a commercial oven make sure you purchase the matching large baking trays at the same time. Remember to find out how much it will cost to install. One Canteen recently paid more for the installation than they did for the oven itself!
- ❖ Commercial range hood
- ❖ Commercial sandwich toasters/grills-
- ❖ Counter fridges- they save all that walking and the customers can see what is for sale.
- ❖ Cupboards- Make sure you get doors on the cupboards to limit vermin access and try to get a couple of big drawers as well as standard size.
- ❖ Electricity. Make sure you get power to the front counter and overhead power to the food prep bench. Check that the circuits can take the load so you don't have power trip outs. Get a few extra power points in case you need them later
- ❖ Freezers- you can purchase upright double door freezers [like the drink fridges], they use less floor space and you don't have to unpack everything to get to the items or go for one like a cold room
- ❖ Fruit and vegetable sink- A stand alone F&V sink is great for schools that do a lot of food prep.
- ❖ Hand wash station- Go for flick mix taps or sensor taps...
- ❖ Hot and cold counter display units- these are the fancy version of the old pie oven
- ❖ Hot drink dispensers- great for high schools in winter
- ❖ Office space- Allow room for a desk and filing cabinet and office chair on wheels. A computer with internet access is handy for ordering and flyers and all the paperwork.
- ❖ Laminator- so you can laminate all those signs for ease of cleaning.
- ❖ Phone- A cordless phone is much easier for ordering as you can move around with it.
- ❖ Sandwich making fridge/bench- these are good if you make a lot of sandwiches or are in a hot climate
- ❖ Screens- make sure your screen doors are fitted with auto closers and that counter screens are customer friendly [so volunteers, older students and parents are not constantly bending down]. You can get ones that slide across or ones that roll up.
- ❖ Sinks- Go for large double sinks so you can fit the big things in them, but don't go that large that they take too much water to fill up for normal use. Or are too deep that you have to bend over to reach in.
- ❖ Slushee machine- buy your own and use 100% juice
- ❖ Trolleys- save your back where you can
- ❖ Zipboil urns- Good for larger schools how use the kettle a lot

Additional help to manage your Tuckshop or Canteen

-  Tuckshop and Canteen Management Consultants Helpline www.canteens.com.au
-  <http://grantwritingessentials.com> is where to go to learn all about grant writing for schools
-  Canteen refits [stainless steel]- Pro engineering, Tony Carlton, ph-0447 712460 [email- tony@proengineering.com.au](mailto:tony@proengineering.com.au) I have had a lot of success with this company in fitouts. They do the lot.
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