

## **SPONSORING A STUDENT THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. AU\$139 PER MONTH.**



The Cambodia Clean Water & Toilet Project has always had a focus on education. A prerequisite to attending school is being healthy and that requires clean water and sanitary toilets. Our experience in Cambodia is that most parents manage to have their children attend Primary School (Years 1-7). There is also good support for children to attend years 8 & 9. Usually, boys are given the opportunity to move onto Years 10 - 12. Girls need most support, only 10% of girls in rural areas complete high school. There are cultural reasons for this and parents will need encouragement to support their daughters through high school.

Our support team comprises Phanna York, (a university qualified educator) who mentors the students and monitors the family's ongoing situation, and Darrel Steer (Director of Cambodia Clean Water & Toilet Project and spends 80% of the year in Cambodia) who will supervise the sponsorship arrangements. Any sponsorship for a village child's education has to be at least a 3 year commitment. It would be so damaging to a child's development if they were unable to finish their studies due to a withdrawal of financial support.

When we become aware of a particular girl who shows **a desire to further her education and has sound results after Years 8 & 9**, one of the team will meet with the parents and discuss the sponsorship. The parents will make a contract with us, that if we provide the finances, **they will support their daughter to complete her 3 years at high school.**

The Cambodia Clean Water & Toilet Project will ensure that the family has a Clean Water Bore and a Septic Tank Toilet to provide basic health and hygiene facilities.

**Sponsorship will provide the following each year.**

### **Initial Costs**

Dental checkup in Siem Reap - \$75  
Bicycle - \$120 (the closest school is 30 minutes away)  
School Uniforms - \$45  
School Shoes - \$35  
Books and stationery - \$40  
School Bag - \$35

### **Ongoing Costs**

\$40 per month for food  
\$40 per month for costs associated with regular mentoring meetings with student and 'end of semester' meetings with school staff to discuss progress  
\$30 per month for health and hygiene items

***Total costs are \$1,670 per year OR \$139 per month.***

***This amounts to \$35 per week or \$5 per day.***