



Period Supplies in Schools

How can I get my school on board?



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How to Ask

Who Can I Talk To?

Start with your **Student Union or Student Council**, they're the best advocates for student rights on campus. If they have their own budget, they may even consider doing a small trial (in only some bathrooms, for a few months) to help prove the benefits to the broader school administration.

How to Convince the School?

A trial completed through the student body will go a long way. It might seem obvious to you that menstrual products should be provided, but you'll need to prove the value to the school. You could also use some of the following facts to help your case:



20% of young women have missed school or university class due to period symptoms.

69% of students feel embarrassed when they have to bring period products to the bathroom.



These places already provide free menstrual products for students:

UK
Scotland
England
Wales

Oceania
New Zealand
Victoria

USA
15 States and counting!



The cost is as little as a few dollars a month per student but the social, education and emotional impacts can be significant.

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Budgeting

What Will It Cost?

Depending on how many women will be using the bathrooms to be stocked, providing free menstrual supplies could cost the school as little as a few dollars per woman per month.

Pixii provides two options - a simple display box for free, or a dispenser for \$100.

Where Can We Get Funding?

- The Student Union or Student Council
- Women's Associations
- Environmental groups (Pixii's tampons are the most eco-friendly in Australia with no plastic wrapper!)
- Ideally, the school / university facilities budget

Will People Steal?

Yes. When free pads & tampons are suddenly available, naturally people will take more than they need. This tends to only last for the first 2-3 months. Once people realise the supplies are there to stay, they only use what they need. Think about how many people steal toilet paper - it's always there, so there's no need.

Where to Start?

Start with faculty buildings and class areas, rather than any student accommodation (if applicable). This will ensure the maximum number of students get the available benefits, and that they don't begin to rely on the product as their sole supply.

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Logistics

Who Will Restock?

Pixii has a few options to suit your school's budget.

We can take care of everything, including restocking and associated batch number maintenance with each new batch, working with your existing facilities team. Or we can simply deliver stock for your existing team to restock when they restock toilet paper and other supplies.

Dispenser or Box?

Pixii dispensers are custom made to fit enough Pixii tampons for a high traffic bathroom, so restocking is needed less often. They're slimline and discreet.

A simple box on a shelf might be a more suitable option for limited budgets or low traffic bathrooms, but can hold less product and are more prone to people taking more than they need.

Existing Dispenser

Most existing dispensers, if present at all, are large, ugly, often "out of order" and coin-operated.

Who carries coins anymore?

We recommend replacing these maintenance headaches with a modern option that works for women.