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Gearing up for a spook-tacular Halloween

CASEY children know the three best things about Halloween are lollies, lollies and more lollies.

Cody, 8, from Narre Warren has the wisdom of experience.

"No tricks, just treats for me. I've done it before," he said.

Zac, 6, from Cranbourne, proudly announced he's a serial killer – "I murder cereals."

He's thinking about a party with friends, as is Haydee, 6, who can't wait to "get

dressed-up spooky and scary" for a get together with the girls.

Shaila, 6, Jaimee, 8 and Malachi, 7, from Pakenham are all thinking of devilish outfits and trick-or-treating.

Spotlight Cranbourne manager Jamie Stirling said demand for everything Halloween was clearly on the rise.

"It's been increasing in recent years, as schools have become more involved with it," Ms Stirling said.

So what does a terrifying

outfit cost these days?

"They start at about \$20

for a witch or a Harry Potter outfit, including all accessories like wands, fishnet stockings, glasses and hats," Ms Stirling said.

She said the average spend was \$15 to \$40.

"But it does depend on how far you want to go. A stunning effect can be achieved at a cost that can be quite spooky," she said.



Cody is all set for some Halloween fun.

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