

# VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

EdConnect Australia has two current roles available for volunteers who are keen to develop positive intergenerational relationships with students in school settings. Join in the fun and make a difference to lives of young people in your local area! You can choose to do either one or both of the roles:

**Learning Support Volunteer** – In this role, you will be able to assist students and teachers in the classroom or in other areas of the school.

Main role

- Assisting students within the classroom environment with their learning (e.g. help with reading, maths)  
Can extend to manual and creative arts (eg woodwork)

Other roles include

- Providing assistance in the school library, canteen, breakfast club or bike clubs
- Assisting with school fundraising, sports carnivals and other events
- Assisting school staff with minor school improvements (e.g. painting, grounds maintenance).

EdConnect will discuss a suitable activity/class with you to suit your interests. You can assist with more than one activity/class if you choose to.

**Mentor Volunteer** – In this role, you will develop a mutually cooperative and supportive relationship with one student, or occasionally a small group, by engaging them in various activities outside of the classroom. For example:

- Activities can include one-to-one assistance with academic work (eg: reading, maths) or playing games, art/crafts, sports activities, building projects and other ideas can be discussed with the school
- Whilst academic work can be an element of the mentoring time, it does not need to be the main focus
- Providing social and emotional support to encourage the student mentee to make positive life choices.
- Helping the student mentee to set goals and work toward accomplishing them
- We will discuss suitable matches with you based on the student's need and your skills and experience

**Eligibility:**

Volunteers must be over 18 years old, eligible to live and work in Australia, willing to obtain a Police Screening Check and Working with Children Check. Many retirees, both men and women, continue to be the backbone of the program.

**Attributes/Skills:**

A positive attitude towards children and education  
Good communication skills - competent written and spoken English  
Demonstrate positive behaviours such as respect, patience, maturity and reliability  
Empathy and understanding of the challenges experienced by school-aged children  
Commitment to the program

**Training:**

EdConnect provides free group based training, half or full day and online options.

**Responsible To:**

The designated School Coordinator on a daily/weekly basis with additional support provided by the EdConnect Australia Liaison Officer

**Location:**

A suitable school allocation (Primary/Secondary) will be discussed at interview.

**Time Required:**

Minimum of 1 hour per week – for the school year (12 months)  
During school terms only - Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8am-3pm.