



**We connect volunteers, who want to make a difference, with children in school who need extra help and guidance.**

## Want to find out more?

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a mentor, or you're keen to integrate our volunteers into your school, please get in touch.



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Mentor Me Program



## In-school mentors for younger children.

The Mentor Me Program for primary school children.

Listening, connecting, supporting.



**Volunteers helping students thrive**

## What is the Mentor Me Program?

**At EdConnect Australia, we train volunteers to provide support for children, in school and in life. And that's what our Mentor Me Program is all about – providing primary school students, who might otherwise struggle, with a mentor to help them realise their worth and potential.**

It's an outcomes-focused program, designed and formally evaluated to ensure the one-on-one support our mentors provide improves the confidence and social and emotional wellbeing of students, which ultimately improves academic performance, too.

But while our carefully selected and trained mentors provide structured, in-school mentoring support, the impact of their assistance and advice goes way beyond the classroom and school years.

From helping students find solutions to challenging situations, through to simply being there to talk, laugh and think about the future, our mentors are also friends, confidants and role models.

It's support that's proven to change lives and enrich schools, not least by freeing up teachers to focus on the curriculum. All with just one hour a week for 20+ weeks. All at minimal cost to schools.

## How do we do it?

**We do everything in partnership at EdConnect Australia. We work closely with schools, students and their parents or guardians, using validated screening tools to identify students who will benefit most from a mentor. And we work closely with volunteers, who are selected because they have the skills, commitment and time to provide the mentoring support students need.**

In addition to carefully screening our volunteers, we also provide them with best-practice training, as well as ongoing support from a dedicated liaison officer. That's important.



**“The students thoroughly enjoy working with their mentor and have made excellent progress. One-on-one mentoring makes a huge difference.”**

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For schools and students, it means the support our volunteers provide is of the highest calibre.

And for our volunteers, it means they have the confidence, skills and up-to-date knowledge needed to connect with students and make a real difference in their community.

**“The student came to our school from an extremely traumatic and difficult situation... I am pleased to be able to say that there has been a vast improvement during the time he has had his mentor.”**

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