



# Annual Impact Report 2024

Every child deserves  
*a champion*  
in their corner.

EdConnect volunteers support students where the school has identified the greatest need, supporting key learning areas or social and emotional wellbeing.



VIC Volunteer Kay

## Our Impact\*

- 93%** of partner schools agreed EdConnect volunteers increased student self esteem & confidence
- 90%** of EdConnect volunteers felt more connected to their community
- 97%** of schools agreed EdConnect is a valuable part of the school community

In 2024		
<b>1,041</b> Volunteers	<b>20,074</b> Students	<b>254</b> Schools

*“EdConnect is outstanding.  
We love our volunteers”*

*Isobel Comrie  
Principal,  
Millen Primary School WA*

### Key Student Outcomes

- 83%** improved social skills
- 82%** increased participation in school activities
- 83%** improved pro-social behaviour

### Volunteers Told Us

- 91%** volunteering enhanced their mental health and well-being
- 74%** being an EdConnect volunteer helped them develop a new skill
- 90%** volunteering helped them feel part of the community

### Schools Reported

- 94%** of teachers are supportive of the program
- 97%** that EdConnect is a valuable part of the school community

\*Source: 2024 EdConnect End of Year School Survey (63% response rate, 150 schools from a possible 239; and 163 responses from Principals and School Coordinators), EdConnect End of Year Teachers Survey for those supported by Learning Support Volunteers (34% of schools with Learning Support Program 68 teachers from 62 schools of a possible 185 Schools that had learning support volunteers) and EdConnect End of Year Volunteer Survey - (48% response rate, 409 responses of a possible 849)

# When asked to rank benefits of the EdConnect program

80%

of schools agreed the greatest value was

- ➔ being able to offer one to one assistance to those students who need it most and
- ➔ having a positive older role model for children to interact with



WA Peel Volunteers with Karen, Peel Area Manager

## Our Volunteers

Whilst our volunteers come from all walks of life 45% have had experience in the education sector

The average tenure of our volunteers is 3 Years

65,643 hours were given by EdConnect volunteers in 2024

Lyn, 2024 WA Learning Support Volunteer of the Year

## Volunteer Activity

56% of EdConnect volunteers were placed in learning support roles in classrooms or programs and 44% of EdConnect volunteers were matched as mentors.

“Overtime, with encouragement and consistent support, my student began to look forward to our sessions.”

Sky, Volunteer,  
Rosewood Downs Primary School



### Learning Support Volunteering Activity\*

84%

agreed students seem more engaged in school/class activities because of the Learning Support Volunteer

93%

of teachers agreed Students enjoy having a Learning Support Volunteer in the classroom

88%

of teachers agreed student literacy improved

72%

of teachers agreed student numeracy improved

# We support schools to provide every student with a pathway to a successful future



In 2025, EdConnect Australia is growing its national presence through expansion into North West Tasmania with funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund and new schools in New South Wales with support from the Waratah Education Fund.

In collaboration with the Alcoa Foundation the 'Connecting Generations for School Success' project will be supercharged, reaching more young people across Kwinana, Peel, and the upper South West regions (WA) and establishing the program in Portland (VIC). With the support from Telethon, EdConnect's 'Great at Eight' program will focus on recruiting and training EdConnect volunteers in WA to work with children at risk of falling behind in literacy skill development, before they reach a pivotal point in their learning journey.

We acknowledge the work and impact of Ardoch from 1988 to 2024 and we will continue their legacy through our closely aligned mission and programs. We welcome Ardoch Education Volunteers and partner schools into the Learning Support Program in 2025 together with the Literacy and Numeracy (corporate volunteering) Buddies Program.

## Acknowledgements

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VIC Volunteer John

