

Volunteers *from all walks of life...*



SCHOOL INFORMATION PACK Tasmania

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ABOUT US

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

Our Mission

To prepare and connect generations through volunteering and to support disadvantaged or at-risk students for educational success and improved wellbeing.

Our Vision

Every community helping young people to succeed.



OUR 2026 VISION

260



schools

1,000+



volunteers

22,000



*supported
students*

TOP 5 BENEFITS OF THE EDCONNECT PROGRAM

1

Supporting schools to provide every student with a pathway to a successful future

Through a well-established volunteering framework, EdConnect Australia provides additional resources to schools to assist in achieving year-on-year progress for students.

2

Supporting teachers in the classroom

EdConnect volunteers support teachers to manage the complex and diverse teaching needs of students.

3

Supporting students to thrive

Our volunteers support students where the school has identified they need it most - in key learning areas or supporting their social and emotional well-being.

4

A Community Partnership

EdConnect Australia brings the wealth of expertise in the community into schools to support student learning and development.

5

An Evaluated Program

EdConnect evaluates the programs annually through surveying our partner schools and volunteers. In 2023 Curtin University released their report on their 2022 external evaluation of the EdConnect program and EdConnect evaluation tools. "From the perspective of participating schools, results strongly suggest that EdConnect contributes to students educational success and personal wellbeing."

What to expect as an EDCONNECT PARTNER SCHOOL

- You will meet your local EdConnect Liaison Officer located within your region who will build a relationship to understand the needs of your school, teachers, classrooms and students. The Liaison Officer will provide support with the program implementation and volunteer management.
- Our volunteers are interviewed, screened and receive training relating to their Learning Support role. Our screening ensures they hold a current Working with Vulnerable Persons Card, DECYP Certificate of “Your Obligations” and have provided two sound references. Our training includes covering National Child Safe Standards, mandatory reporting, and disclosure. Volunteers have access to additional training, resources, and end of term events.
- An evaluated program that measures the impact and benefit for schools, students, and volunteers.
- Unique school report which captures the volunteer activity provided to your school, curriculum focus and the hours of support. This document can be used to complement the school strategic plan and key performance indicators.

The EdConnect program thrives when:

- The School Coordinator is able to allocate up to an hour a week towards the program.
- Volunteers feel connected to the school community and understand what is required of them.
- Volunteers receive clear communication from the school with regard to curriculum days / school closures / special events.



“Hillcrest Primary School are very excited to be partnering with EdConnect and welcoming learning support volunteers into our classrooms in 2025.”

Georgia Perry
Principal
Hillcrest Primary School

OUR MODEL

EdConnect Australia works together with three important groups in the local community - Schools, Students and Volunteers. Our model positively impacts each respective group.

STUDENTS



VOLUNTEERS



SCHOOLS



EdConnect Australia trains volunteers to support your students and as a school you identify where the greatest need is.

LEARNING SUPPORT



Our Learning Support volunteers help students within the classroom, providing much-needed support to teachers. Learning support volunteers, work under the direction of the classroom teacher / staff member.



They work with small groups or nominated students to reinforce learning strategies, keep students focused and answer questions, providing an extra set of adult eyes ears and hands in the classroom.

WHAT'S NEXT?

If your students would benefit from life-changing learning support from our volunteers, please call the team at EdConnect Australia to set up a meeting on 1800 668 550 or email edconnect@edconnect.org.au.

STEPS TO ENTER A PARTNERSHIP

1. Complete and sign a Partnership Agreement
2. Pay the annual partnership fee

Learning Support Volunteers:

Year 1: \$0
(100% of membership fee)

year 2: \$450 + GST
(50% of membership fee)

Year 3 and beyond: \$900 + GST
(100% of membership fee)



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3. Your school will nominate a passionate staff member as the School Coordinator.

SCHOOL COORDINATOR PROGRAM OVERVIEW



With thanks to the Alcoa Foundation, this overview was created with the intention to welcome school Principals, staff and others to the EdConnect program. It details who we are, the role of our Area Managers & Liaison Officers, screening and training of our amazing volunteers, the benefits for schools and volunteers, the role of a School Coordinator, and finally how a school can provide volunteer support.

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