



2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

What we do:

EdConnect connects volunteers with schools to support students who need extra help.

How we do it:

We recruit, train and place community volunteers into schools, working alongside teachers to provide one-on-one and small group support.

Why we do it:

Because every child deserves the opportunity to thrive at school—building confidence, improving learning outcomes, and strengthening connections to their community.

OUR 2025 IMPACT



EDCONNECT MEMBER SCHOOLS REPORTED



93%

of schools agreed that student self-esteem and confidence have increased



88%

of schools agreed that student social skills have improved



85%

of schools agreed that student prosocial behaviour has increased



80%

of schools agreed that student relationships with peers have improved

“EdConnect volunteers bring so much value to our school. Whether they’re offering learning support or mentoring, their time and care make a real difference. They help students feel seen, supported and capable, building confidence and life skills to be an active member of the community.”

Georgia Perry, Principal, Hillcrest Primary School, TAS



WA EDCONNECT VOLUNTEERS

*467 Mentors, 696 Learning Support, 36 both Mentors and Learning Support, 22 Other, 301 Buddies, 220 combination of on hold and did not commence in 2025. **\$4,190,491 (80293 hours x \$52.19 Centre for Volunteering). EdConnect end of year school survey received 136 responses from 123 unique schools (of a possible 266), representing a 46% response rate. EdConnect Volunteer end of year survey 534 unique responses (of a possible 1003) were received, representing a response rate of 53%. 39 teachers completed the 2025 Learning Support Teacher survey from 29 schools (15% of schools).



2025 IMPACT STATEMENT

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LEARNING SUPPORT



732
VOLUNTEERS



23,197
STUDENTS

Supporting students in literacy, numeracy and classroom confidence.

90%

of teachers agreed that students seemed more engaged in school because of the learning support volunteer

90%

of teachers agreed that the Learning Support Volunteer has helped improve students' skills, knowledge and understanding

82%

of teachers agreed that the Learning Support Volunteer has helped improve students' literacy and/or numeracy

MENTORING



503
VOLUNTEERS



670
MENTEES

Building confidence, wellbeing and connection either 1 to 1 or in a small group.

94%

of schools agreed mentee self-esteem and confidence had increased

83%

of schools agreed mentee engagement in education had improved

LITERACY BUDDIES® & NUMERACY BUDDIES



301
BIG BUDDIES



391 LITTLE BUDDIES

(297 LITERACY
94 NUMERACY)

Pen-pal initiatives connecting workplace volunteers with school-aged children.

100%

of teachers agreed that the programs contributed to increased student confidence to engage with literacy/numeracy

96%

of Big Buddies felt that their workplace made a positive contribution through the Literacy / Numeracy Buddies program

EDCONNECT VOLUNTEERS

Roles of EdConnect volunteers

47% learning support

31% mentors

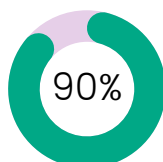
2% both learning support and mentors

20% Big Buddies

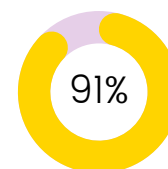
1 hour 38 minutes

average amount of time given each school week from learning support and mentor volunteers

Average tenure of EdConnect volunteers is 2 years and 9 months



OF VOLUNTEERS AGREED VOLUNTEERING ENHANCES THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



OF VOLUNTEERS AGREED THAT VOLUNTEERING HAS HELPED THEM FEEL PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL



PARTNERS

EdConnect wish to acknowledge the contributions of our 2025 funders and supporters.



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“Volunteers have been extremely valuable to support learning in the classroom. They positively impact classrooms by offering extra support, enhancing student engagement, and helping teachers provide more individualised attention. Our volunteers always present with enthusiasm and eagerness to support student learning.”

Ronya Baddour, Deputy Principal
Hilltop Road Public School, NSW

WA Mentor of the Year Ruth Cathcart



VIC Mentor Reno Demicoli



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