



2024 - 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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1. Overview

At EdConnect Australia, we connect volunteers with young people in schools who need extra help and guidance. EdConnect volunteers support students where the school has identified the greatest need, academically or socially.

Our volunteers are drawn from all walks of life, including past educators, professionals, tradespeople, parents and grandparents. Giving their time and the benefit of their lived experience, our volunteers share a passion to make a positive difference to the future of our young people.

Our Mission

Every community helping young people to succeed.

Our Vision

To prepare and connect intergenerational volunteers with disadvantaged or at-risk young people for education success and wellbeing.

Our Values

Inclusiveness – Excellence – Empathy – Equity – Respect – Trust



2. About EdConnect Australia

1 EdConnect provides a framework to create **positive outcomes for students**, particularly those at risk of disengaging from education.



2 EdConnect's volunteers are **inspired by their work** in schools. They find purpose and reward from their commitment to helping students.



3 We provide **teachers under pressure with much-needed support** in the classroom.



4 When a student is at risk of disengagement, their whole network can be affected. The extended reach of our program to **families, parents, peers and siblings** is expansive.



5 Our **reliable team of Area Managers** and Liaison Officers facilitate success through their commitment to supporting and training volunteers and school engagement.



6 Our program delivery is flexible. **We focus on outcomes**, matching volunteers to students in schools to maximise learning and development opportunities.



7 EdConnect is committed to continuous improvement, with **well-developed evaluation impact measurement tools**.



3. EdConnect Chairperson

Report - Sabine Dejey

Since the retirement of Chair Elena Mogilevski at the AGM in October 2024, I have had the privilege of leading the board through a significant period of change.

EdConnect Australia commenced the learning support program in North West Tasmania in 2025, through the support of the Tasmanian Community Fund. Ardoch, a much loved charity based in Victoria, made the difficult decision to close after 36 years in operations. Ardoch approached EdConnect and entrusted us with their Corporate Literacy and Numeracy Buddies program and we welcomed Ardoch volunteers. We also farewelled our CEO Michael Pailthorpe in January 2025 and thank him for the ambitious approach he instilled during his tenure. Two of our senior staff members, Danie McNeil and Carol Shannon, stepped up during the interim period and Danie was appointed CEO on 1st August 2025.

Over the past year, EdConnect has continued to strengthen and expand its valued partnerships. Our largest funder, the Western Australian Department of Education, has reaffirmed its commitment to EdConnect for a further five years. This renewal marks 30 years of the WA State Government's support for EdConnect's intergenerational volunteers, who provide vital assistance to Students at Educational Risk across Western Australian public schools. The Alcoa Foundation also remains a dedicated partner, recognising the positive impact and community connections fostered through the EdConnect program. Over the next three years, the Alcoa Foundation will support and expand program delivery across the Peel region, WA, and introduce the program into the Glenelg Shire in Victoria's South West.

During the 2024 school year, the number of students benefiting from the support of our incredibly dedicated volunteers increased to 20,074. Over that period, the quality of the programs remained a priority and our impact statement indicators stood strong, demonstrating the robustness of our framework and systems.

I would like to extend my wholehearted thanks to our volunteers for their commitment to supporting students. Their work supplements core teaching and educational support resources, always responding to a need identified by teachers or school coordinators. Their attentive and encouraging presence are the underlying force of EdConnect Australia, helping many young people gain in self-confidence. We are also proud of the benefits our programs bring to the wellbeing of our volunteers, as demonstrated by our yearly impact statement results – volunteerism in general is beneficial for volunteers, as supported by numerous independent studies in Australia [1].

My gratitude also goes to our supporters, our dedicated staff, Ambassadors, and my fellow Board Members. They embrace wholeheartedly our mission and help establish a national presence, servicing schools in Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland.

We look forward to marking our 30th Anniversary in 2026.

Sabine Dejey
EdConnect Australia Chairperson



[1] Kragt, D., & Holtrop, D. (2019). Volunteering research in Australia: A narrative review. *Australian Journal of Psychology*, 71(4), 342–360.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ajpy.12251>

4. EdConnect CEO Report



Danie McNeil

2024–2025 was a year of opportunity and progress for EdConnect, positioning us strongly for the future.

As we enter the next chapter, our focus remains on fulfilling our potential, ensuring sustainability, and maintaining the quality of our programs. Robust cost modelling has reinforced the importance of retaining both volunteers and schools, while also welcoming new ones to offset natural attrition and support our growth targets.

Over the past year, EdConnect partnered with 303 MullenLowe to explore the volunteer journey and strengthen brand awareness. The insights gained are already enhancing how we engage prospective volunteers, raise community awareness of our impact, and increase support for our programs.

We are deeply grateful for the commitment of our funders, whose support enables us to help young people thrive in education, foster intergenerational connections, and build stronger, more connected communities.

Our partner schools—principals, leadership teams, teachers, and support staff—continue to do an extraordinary job in the face of increasingly complex student needs. Thank you for welcoming EdConnect volunteers into your schools and recognising their contribution—whether as an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands in the classroom; assisting in libraries or breakfast clubs; supporting a student at a crossroads through mentoring; or lifting aspirations and providing new experiences through our Literacy Buddies® or Numeracy Buddies programs.

The 2024 year closed on a strong note, with growth in volunteer numbers, more students supported, and evaluation results highlighting the impact of our programs. This momentum has continued into 2025, thanks to the dedication of the EdConnect team nationwide. Their passion, dedication to fostering genuine relationships with volunteers, schools, funders, and stakeholders, and their talent for capturing and sharing the “magic moments” between volunteers and students help bring our data to life.

Thank you to our Ambassadors, who continue to shine a light on EdConnect’s work and impact in the community. We also acknowledge and thank our Board, led by Chairperson Sabine Dejeu, for their leadership and support as we prepare to develop our next five-year strategic plan.

The 2024 year closed on a strong note, with growth in volunteer numbers, more students benefiting from our programs, and evaluation results showcasing the positive impact of our work. This momentum has carried into 2025, driven by the dedication of the team and their ability to bring our data to life through the “magic moments” shared between volunteers and students.

The high calibre of the EdConnect staff is reflected in their passion, commitment, and determination to continuously strengthen our organisation and enhance our impact. My heartfelt thanks go to the management, finance, marketing, and administration teams, as well as all our Area Managers and Liaison Officers across the country, for their outstanding contribution and unwavering support.

Finally, to our wonderful volunteers: thank you for your time, knowledge, passion, and commitment to supporting young people in learning and in life. You may sometimes wonder whether you are making a difference. I assure you—you are.

Danie McNeil
Chief Executive Officer



5. Funding Partners & Supporters

Our work would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of our funding partners and supporters. Their investment in EdConnect ensures that students receive additional help, volunteers are trained and equipped, and schools are strengthened.

In 2024/2025, the contribution of our generous funding partners and sponsors enabled EdConnect to:

- expand programs across metropolitan, regional, and rural communities, reaching more students who need mentoring and learning support.
- provide training and resources to volunteers, building their confidence and capacity to make a meaningful impact in schools.
- deliver specialised initiatives, such as the Great at Eight literacy support program which foster early intervention, confidence, and lifelong learning pathways.
- strengthen community connections, ensuring that every school supported by EdConnect benefits from a network of dedicated volunteers and advocates.

We are deeply grateful to our funding partners, philanthropic organisations, government agencies, corporate supporters, and community donors.

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Department of
Education



Dawn Wade
Foundation



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Department of
Education

Since 1995, the Department of Education WA has been a substantive funder of the EdConnect Australia school volunteer program in Western Australia. Through a series of annual grants and, from 2010, under Preferred Service Provider agreements, EdConnect again secured a 5-year service agreement with the Department for the period 2025 - 2029.

EdConnect's services in Western Australia provide supplementary educational services for public school students in relation to learning and mentoring support. Successful delivery of these services by EdConnect aim to enhance the Education Department's capacity to increase opportunities for students to fully engage in their education, reach their potential and go on to be valuable contributors to society.

Importantly, the service model particularly supports the learning and development of students who are at risk or disadvantaged. This is achieved through the delivery of the program to public primary and secondary school Students at Educational Risk (SAER), being those students whose academic, social, and/or emotional attributes are a barrier to engagement with the content and standards defined in the Western Australian Curriculum.

The EdConnect program is acknowledged as being in alignment with the Department's priorities and complements internal programs and services by providing additional learning and mentoring support for these students. Without such support, the students may become disengaged from their schooling. Because disengagement can occur for a variety of reasons, including behavioural problems, poor social skills, barriers developed towards learning, low literacy and numeracy skills, poor self-esteem and social skills, and having no role model in their life, SAER students benefit from having additional and consistent literacy, learning and/or mentoring support provided by caring adults.

ALCOA FOUNDATION

EdConnect Australia has renewed its partnership with the Alcoa Foundation, ensuring three more years of transformative impact in Australian schools. With a generous grant of over AU\$500,000 this collaboration will supercharge the 'Connecting Generations for School Success' project, reaching more young people across Kwinana, Peel, and the upper South West regions of W.A. and establish the program in Portland, Victoria.

This vital funding will allow EdConnect to expand its school volunteer program, offering even more students the emotional, social, and academic support they need to thrive.

Proudly supported by



2024 ALCOA FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD JOHN BRYSON

Since 2018, John has been a valued EdConnect mentor building strong relationships with students and making a lasting impact. His reliability, commitment, and forward-thinking approach have made him an integral part of two school communities.



2024 ALCOA FOUNDATION SCHOOL COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD MARLIZE PRETORIUS

As the school's School Coordinator, Marlize plays a crucial role in matching and supporting volunteers who give their time to mentor or assist with group activities. Her commitment goes far beyond program support - she ensures that volunteers feel valued, connected, and well-supported in their roles.



Telethon Great at Eight - Early Literacy Volunteer Program

The EdConnect Great at Eight program, supported by Telethon makes a meaningful difference in local primary schools providing additional resources to support recruitment of volunteers with a particular interest in early literacy development. The program focuses on supporting children who are at risk of falling behind in literacy development before they reach a pivotal milestone in their education - the end of Year 3.

Through EdConnect's Great at Eight Literacy Training, our volunteers are trained and skilled to provide one-on-one literacy support, helping children build confidence and capability in their reading. These sessions not only equipped volunteers with valuable tools and strategies, but inspired them, leaving them better prepared and more motivated to make a difference in the lives of local students.

EdConnect volunteers are heavily involved in supporting literacy in students of all ages and with the generous sponsorship from Telethon, EdConnect has developed a volunteer training program to help volunteers understand how children learn to read, supported by techniques to assist in volunteers' sessions.



6. Delivering Impact

Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025



6.1 National Presence – Local Response

EdConnect has continued to maintain strong program delivery in our existing communities and explored opportunities for growth with the support of new funders. EdConnect has strived to strengthen relationships, within our schools, with our volunteers and our funders. To achieve this, we have focused on developing multiple relationships with key school staff. Recognising the dynamic nature of schools, having multiple contacts enables volunteers and EdConnect staff to build their connection to the school and local community.

EdConnect's program reach across Australia

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

With 1,616 kilometres between the state's northern most and most southern schools, EdConnect's Western Australian school members operate in diverse environments. Where a school is on the map, in Port Hedland, the world's largest bulk export port handling iron ore shipments 24 hours per day; amongst the majestic karri and jarrah forests surrounding Nannup in the state's south west; or in the Perth metropolitan area, there's no difference in the dedication of EdConnect's team to find program volunteers. There are children in need of extra support, encouragement or guidance in every school, and there are incredible people in every community willing to give their time to such an important cause. EdConnect has proven capability in bringing these parties together.



VICTORIA

The EdConnect program continues to support primary and secondary schools in the Geelong/Surf Coast, Western, Northern and South East regions with local volunteers. Reflecting school needs, the majority of Victorian volunteers are placed in learning support roles and predominately provide literacy and numeracy support in the classroom.

TASMANIA

Through the support of the Tasmanian Community Fund, EdConnect has secured 7 years of funding to introduce the Learning Support program to the North West and North of Tasmania from 2025 with a focus on literacy and numeracy support for students in grades 4 to 8 . It is pleasing that the program is on track for 2025 and already looking to build the school numbers and volunteers.

NEW SOUTH WALES

In NSW, the appointment of a Western Sydney Liaison Officer has been a key milestone that has been achieved in 2025 through the support of the Waratah Education Foundation. The region has expanded with four Ardoch schools joining the program. The priority is to embed and grow the program further with volunteers, partner schools and students supported in the coming years.

QUEENSLAND

The Buddies program has seen EdConnect for the first time deliver programs in Brisbane, with 2 schools transitioning across from Ardoch.

REGIONAL GROWTH

The past year has seen the EdConnect program grow regionally, reflecting local need and community support through volunteers and funding. Following the end of long term support from the Hanrine Foundation, the continuation of the Port Hedland program has been made possible thanks to the Roy Hill Community Foundation, Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Port Hedland. Iluka Resources are enabling the establishment of our program in Geraldton.

Thanks to the Alcoa Foundation, EdConnect will grow the program in the Peel region in WA and expand to the Glenelg Shire in Victoria. The William Buckland Foundation has continued their support within Northern Victoria with 4 partner schools in Shepparton and Numurkah. Drawing on the Victorian Department of Education Mental Health Fund, the program has expanded to Ballarat.

6.2 Quality Outcomes

At EdConnect, delivering quality outcomes is at the heart of everything we do. EdConnect is committed to creating strong, sustainable connections that benefit students, volunteers, and school communities.

2024 impact data highlights how these outcomes are not only achieved but also continuously strengthened. By listening to our schools and volunteers, monitoring effectiveness, and adapting our programs, we ensure that every hour of support makes a difference. Whether it's improved student wellbeing, enhanced learning, or greater community connection, our focus remains on creating real change where it is most needed.

1,041

Volunteers placed across
Australia

20,074

Students supported

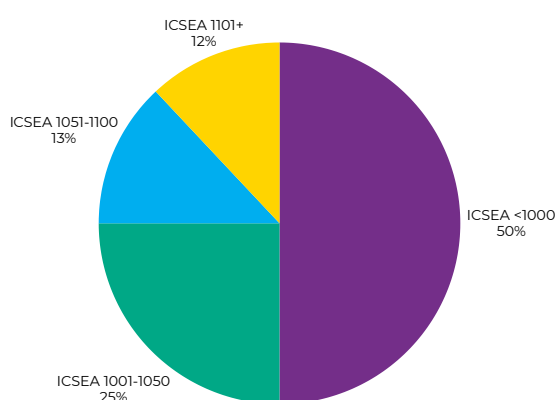
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Member Schools across
Australia

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



ICSEA of EdConnect partners schools
ICSEA, the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage, is a scale used to measure the socio-educational background of students at a particular school. It is not a rating of the school, its teachers or programs. The aim is to create a basis of fair comparison of NAPLAN test results between schools with similar student backgrounds

"I think the volunteer program is excellent and provides amazing support to a range of students in our school. The 3 volunteers we have are friendly, reliable, patient, great role models and have become an integral part of our school community"

*Glenroy Central Primary School,
Member School*

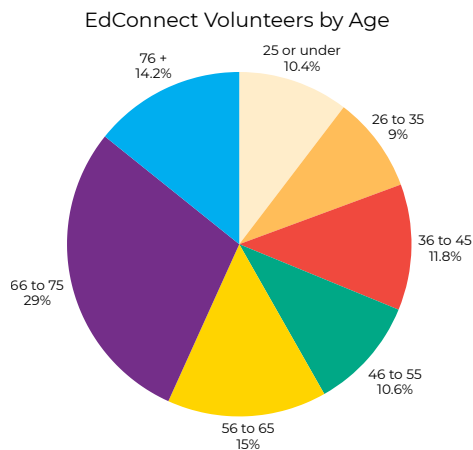
*Source: 2024 EdConnect End of Year School Survey (63% response rate, 150 schools from a possible 239; and 163 responses from Principals and School Coordinators),

EdConnect Volunteers

Building and nurturing strong relationships with our volunteers is key to supporting their engagement and retention. EdConnect recognises that our volunteer community is diverse, with varying motivations and needs, and we embrace a multifaceted, relational approach to staying connected.

From coffee catch-ups, phone calls and text messages, to newsletters, additional training, social media updates, school visits, surveys and focus groups - many touchpoints are provided to ensure volunteers feel valued, supported, and part of the EdConnect community.

EdConnect volunteers are aged between 18 and 91 and come from all walks of life, enabling meaningful intergenerational connection, a range of perspectives to be shared and fostering two-way learning.



65,643 hours were given by EdConnect volunteers in 2024

The **average tenure** of our volunteers is **3 years**

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

Volunteer Training

During 2024–2025, more than 600 EdConnect volunteers undertook learning support, mentor, or refresher training. This ensures volunteers' full understanding of their roles and responsibilities, including clear direction on the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and EdConnect's Framework to Safeguard the Wellbeing of Children.

Volunteer training remains a strong priority for EdConnect, helping to build and strengthen skills while equipping volunteers to provide effective support in the classroom and in their mentoring roles.

EdConnect's training responds to volunteer needs, learning objectives and changes in the education system. Other training sessions offered across 2024–2025 included Accidental Counsellor, ADHD Workshop, Phonics Training, Students of Today and Trauma Informed Volunteering. Sessions were a blend of face to face and online, to reflect the needs of volunteers.

"Overall it's all about helping the children. I am glad to say there are those that have greatly benefited from my assistance - which is the most rewarding part"

Kerry Sadlier,
WA Volunteer



EdConnect 2024 Volunteer Award Winners



MENTOR OF THE YEAR - WA
DAWN PARKER



MENTOR OF THE YEAR - EAST COAST
RENO DEMICOLI



LEARNING SUPPORT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - WA
LYN SHACKLES



LEARNING SUPPORT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - EAST COAST
LORI BENASSI



DES HEENAN SCHOOL COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR - WA
DEBRA HOLLAND



SCHOOL COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR - EAST COAST
DANIEL CHITTENDEN

LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER RECOGNITION

WEST COAST

Kylee Steed, Bannister Creek Primary School
Raelene Scott, Yakamia Primary School

EAST COAST

Kim Dugan, Wangala Primary School
Shay Gibson & Anna Zarkos, Lollypop Creek Primary School
Manpreet Oberoi, Clayton North Primary School
Helen Karvelas, St Albans Heights Primary School

SPECIAL MENTION OF THE YEAR

Brian Richardson - East Coast
Gwendolene Ridden - West Coast

RIISING STAR OF THE YEAR

Jon Watts OAM- West Coast

SOUTHWEST WA - VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Josh Yates



HANRINE FOUNDATION PILBARA MENTOR OF THE YEAR
GEORGIE ROSE

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Ardoch legacy lives on through EdConnect

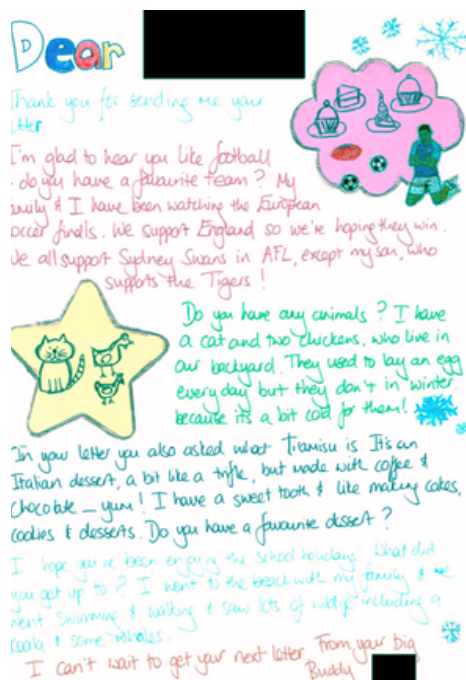
After 36 years of realising children's potential through education, Ardoch made the difficult decision to close their doors at the end of 2024. Throughout this transition, the Ardoch Board and management remained committed to their mission and explored partnerships with like-minded organisations to ensure their programs and impact could continue.

Following due diligence, EdConnect recognised that Ardoch's education volunteer programs closely aligned with our own Learning Support program.

Ardoch's Literacy Buddies® and Numeracy Buddies programs offered an established and proven corporate volunteering opportunity for EdConnect. Working closely with the Ardoch leadership team, EdConnect engaged with Ardoch volunteers, schools, corporate partners and funders to ensure a smooth transition. We are privileged to continue Ardoch's legacy, helping students realise their potential through education.

The Buddies program has been supporting student literacy and numeracy development and raising student aspirations for over 20 years. Through corporate volunteers (Big Buddies) being matched with students (Little Buddies) to participate in 6 letter exchanges and two visits. In 2025 EdConnect continued the Buddies program with 6 corporate organisations and 14 programs across Australia.

EdConnect will continue to grow the Buddies program. This will provide young people with new opportunities, connections and experiences, and enable those who may not be able to commit to EdConnect's learning support or mentoring programs an opportunity to give back and help shape the future.



6.3 Brand Awareness

EdConnect strengthened its communications and marketing this year, achieving strong growth in reach and engagement. Through national and local campaigns, storytelling, and award celebrations, we deepened our connection with schools, volunteers, and partners. A pilot campaign with 303 MullenLowe enhanced brand visibility and provided valuable insights into the volunteer journey, guiding improvements to messaging and volunteer experience.

In September 2024, EdConnect proudly launched our inaugural EdConnect Week, a dedicated celebration to recognise and thank the volunteers who make a difference in schools every day. This week-long initiative brought together volunteers, schools, corporate partners, and community supporters to highlight the impact of mentoring and learning support programs.

Our online community continued to grow, with over 36,000 website visitors and expanding audiences across Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Video storytelling remained a powerful tool in sharing our impact and inspiring engagement.



36,000

Unique
Visitors to our
website



2,233

Number of
Facebook
Followers



434

Number of
Instagram
Followers



780

Number of
LinkedIn Followers

Across 2024/2025, EdConnect delivered a vibrant calendar of events that celebrated our volunteers, strengthened partnerships, and deepened community engagement. Across Australia, we hosted recognition events, networking sessions, and local gatherings that brought together volunteers, schools, and supporters to share stories and celebrate impact.

Highlights included our Annual Volunteer Awards, where we honoured outstanding contributions from across the network, and regional volunteer gatherings that fostered new connections and peer support. These events provided valuable opportunities to showcase the power of volunteering in schools and the collective difference our community makes every day.

Through our events program, we continued to build awareness of EdConnect's mission, recognise the dedication of our volunteers, and inspire others to get involved in creating brighter futures for students.



2024 WA ANNUAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS -
GOVERNMENT HOUSE BALLROOM

6.4 Our People



Board of Directors

The EdConnect Board provides strong governance and a breadth of expertise to keep the organisation focused on its mission and impact. Their commitment and guidance supported the leadership team through change and opportunity and have been central to delivering meaningful outcomes for students, volunteers, schools and funders.

Sabine Dejeu Non-Executive Director (Chairperson)	
Ben Peacock Non-Executive Director	Lesley Street Non-Executive Director
David Barwise (Secretary) Non-Executive Director	Yawar Zoeb Non-Executive Director
Matt Reed Non-Executive Director	John Inverarity MBE Non-Executive Director

During the year, several changes occurred within our Board. Matt Reed was elected at the AGM in October 2024, while Elena Mogilevski retired at the same AGM, and Sam Rosevear resigned in January 2025.

EdConnect Management Team

Danie McNeil Chief Executive Officer
Carol Shannon General Manager
Tony Donaldson Finance Manager

EdConnect Australia Ambassadors

Our Ambassadors play a vital role in championing EdConnect’s mission, raising awareness, and strengthening connections within the wider community. We thank them for sharing their networks and passion for EdConnect, promoting the impact of our work and inspiring others to get involved.

Myriam Boisbouvier-Wylie	Kim Hughes
Annie Fogarty AM	Mitty Williams
Graham Mabury OAM Cit WA FECU	Melodie Potts Rosevear OAM

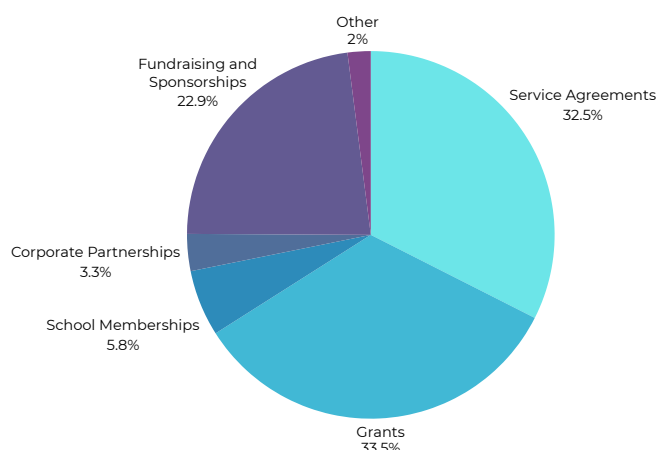
6.5 Financial Report

Annual revenue increased by 50.5% in 2024-2025, with growth across all income categories. Most notably, a generous large donation in fundraising and sponsorship provides EdConnect with the possibility to adequately fund our mission over the coming years. This year sees the addition of corporate partnerships income connected to the “Buddies Program”, matching corporate employees with a classroom of students for numeracy and literacy interaction. Grants were particularly strong, with new income sources underpinning the expansion of EdConnect into Tasmania, and the Great at 8 specialist program in Western Australia.

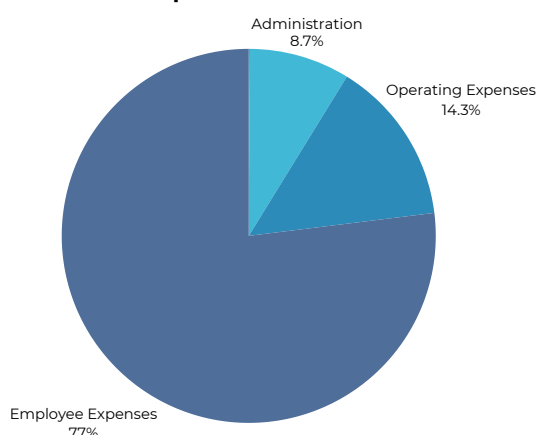
EdConnect employee expenses continue to be the largest part of expenditure at 77% of all expenses. This is consistent with last year. Most of our employees are part-time and their contracts match the number of schools they represent to ensure staff capacity matches’ need. The year-on-year increase in employee expenses are attributed to additional employees for the Buddies Program, Tasmania, and New South Wales, and statutory CPI increases in award entitlements of 3.75%.

EdConnect’s service delivery relies on building networks between schools and volunteers to secure positive student outcomes. High performing employees are engaged to implement and manage the program. Administration and operating expenditure are carefully budgeted and disbursed to ensure it is necessary and adequately supports our mission.

Revenue 2025



Expenditure 2025



CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue	FY2025	FY2024
Service agreements	742,652	693,497
Grants	767,326	676,048
School Membership	133,384	108,279
Corporate Partnerships	74,378	--
Fundraising and sponsorship	523,518	13,350
Other	46,477	29,353
	2,287,735	1,520,527

Expenditure	FY2025	FY2024
Consultancy expenses	1,600	7,232
Administration expenses	157,640	112,917
Operating expenses	258,256	229,783
Employee expenses	1,394,509	1,231,205
	1,812,005	1,581,137

(Deficit)/Surplus	475,730	-60,610
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6.6 AUDITORS DECLARATION



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM LTD TRADING AS ED CONNECT AUSTRALIA

In accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2021 in relation to our audit of The School Volunteer Program Limited trading as Ed Connect Australia for the year ended 30 June 2025, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit;
- (ii) No contraventions of the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (iii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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& Assurance*

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Marcia Johnson
Director

Dated this 29 September 2025, Perth

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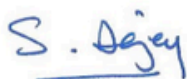
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Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of The School Volunteer Program Ltd t/a EdConnect Australia:

- a) The financial statements and notes of are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
 - (i) Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013*; and
- b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Responsible Entities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Dejeu", with a horizontal line underneath.

Sabine Dejeu - Chair

Dated this 29th September 2025

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<http://linkedin/company/edconnect-australia>



<https://www.youtube.com/@edconnectaustralia7735>





EdConnect Australia places volunteers who want to make a difference, with young people in school who need extra help and guidance, be it mentoring or learning support.

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