



Volunteering in SA Catholic Schools Information for Parents and Families

Our schools value the rich contribution of Volunteers in the life and work of our school communities. When Catholic schools, families and the broader community work together, schools improve and communities flourish.

“As partners in the education of their children, parents* contribute to the life of the school in many ways that reflect their interests, skills, experience and capacity to do so”.

(Charter for Parents in Catholic Schools SA)

Why is parent and family involvement in our school communities so important?

- It sends a strong message to your children that you value their education and their school
- Builds valuable partnerships between the school leaders, teachers, staff and parents
- Provides practical help for busy teachers and staff
- Builds parents’ understanding of school processes and practices
- Models parent involvement and partnership to the wider school community
- Builds community and a sense of belonging.

“When schools and families work in partnership, children perform better academically, stay in school longer and enjoy their schooling”.

(Australian Government Family School Partnership Framework)

There are many ways to become involved in the life of your school community. Everyone has something to offer:

- As a member of the Parents and Friends Committee or School Board
- Helping in the canteen or library
- Listening to reading
- Helping out in the classroom or Learning Assistance Program (LAP)
- On policy development or review committees
- Helping out at school events
- Assisting in working bees
- Coaching
- Fundraising

**The term parent includes carers and legal guardians*

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Who can offer to volunteer?

- Parents/carers or legal guardians
- Grandparents
- Aunties or uncles
- Older siblings
- Friends and other members of the local community.

How can I become a Volunteer?

Contact your school office to speak about the varied opportunities and register your interest in being involved.

What will be required?

It is important that your involvement and participation in your school is rewarding and a mutually beneficial experience.

To support your school's commitment to the protection and care of all children and young people and the safety of all staff, most volunteers are required to hold a valid and current Police Clearance and to complete the 'Responding to Abuse and Neglect: Education and Care' training for Volunteers.

You will also need to be provided with a site induction that addresses Work Health and Safety and Protective Practices. Together, these induction components aim to ensure the physical and emotional wellbeing of children and young people and the safety of your school's workforce.

Your school office will be able to provide you with the necessary paperwork and support you through this process.

What can I expect?

You will receive a site induction as a Volunteer that will include:

- Information on relevant school policies
- Relevant information and training in relation to Work Health and Safety and the duty of care responsibilities of Volunteers
- Relevant training in relation to child protection and the responsibilities of Volunteers as mandatory notifiers.


Catholic schools value the significant contribution volunteers make. Volunteers bring a rich and diverse mixture of culture, life experience and expertise from their communities. They complement and enhance the student-centred care provided by schools, enrich the quality of life for students and their families and are in turn, enriched by their experiences.

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