

# VOLUNTEERS POLICY

## GEORGE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

### **Definition:**

- Volunteer school worker means a person whom without remuneration or reward voluntarily engages in schoolwork.

### **Rationale:**

- Volunteers add significantly to the human resources available to the school, and consequently they deserve encouragement, effective management, support and recognition.

### **Aims:**

- To maximise the number and variety of effective volunteers who contribute to our school.
- To provide volunteers with the support and recognition they deserve.
- To ensure that volunteers who have unsupervised access to students have a Working With Children Check prior to commencement of work

### **Implementation:**

- Volunteers are actively encouraged to partake in school activities, and will be invited to do so through the newsletter, written invitations and personal approaches, as well as informally through conversation and opportunity.
- The school will seek to provide a variety of opportunities for volunteer participation
- Volunteers will be provided with any support, professional development or instruction necessary to help them carry out their tasks at school in a confident and effective manner.
- Volunteers are required to carry out tasks in a manner consistent with school expectations, including maintenance of a professional, cooperative and confidential working environment.
- Volunteers will require a Working With Children Check and /or DEECD Criminal Record Check according to the guidelines set out by the DEECD.
- Volunteers will not be required to carry out tasks with which they are uncomfortable or untrained.
- Volunteers will be required to register at the administration office daily, and wear a visitors badge while in the school. Volunteers will be invited to use the staff room and facilities.
- A morning tea will be provided in term 4 to thank volunteers for their contributions throughout the year.
- Volunteer Workers undertaking schoolwork on behalf of, and with the approval of, the school council or principal are indemnified as to their personal liability in similar terms to teachers.
- A recognised volunteer school worker who suffers injury arising out of or in the course of engaging in any school sanctioned work is entitled to be paid compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act 1995.

- If the property or the property under the control of a volunteer worker is damaged or destroyed in the course of or arising out of the school work, the Minister for Education or school council may authorise reasonable compensation.

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in... JULY 2014