



Volunteer Policy

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.
- All people who come into the school are expected to comply with the Child Safe Standards. PFCS considers the safety of children as being of paramount importance. We are committed to inclusion of all children from different cultural, linguistic backgrounds, all abilities and individual needs. Our school has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

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.

Implementation:

- The child safe policy and code of conduct is available at the sign in book for volunteers to read and comply with.
- Volunteers are actively encouraged to partake in school activities, and will be invited to do so.
- Volunteers will be sought formally 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, particularly opportunities for fathers, grandparents, and opportunities for volunteers to be involved in classes of older children or specialist classes.
- Volunteers will be provided with any support, professional development or instruction necessary to help them carry out their tasks at school in a condiment 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 are required to have a Working With Children check.
- Volunteers will not be required to carry out tasks with which they are uncomfortable.
- Volunteers may be sought to assist with school camps and excursions. School Council requires that volunteers assisting with school camps and swimming programs provide a satisfactory police records checks prior to their participation.
- Individual or groups of volunteers will be highlighted each week in the newsletter, publicising their contributions to the school.

- Volunteers will be required to register at the administration office daily, and wear a visitors badge whilst in the school. Volunteers will be invited to use the staff room and facilities.
- A morning tea will 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 volunteer school worker who suffers injury arising out of or in the course of engaging in any school 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....	
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