

Checks for child volunteers in schools

We are grateful for and value our volunteers – here's how you can help keep kids safe when you're doing unpaid work at a school.

Before you volunteer at a school, we will ask you to **complete a Parent and child volunteer declaration form**. You will be asked to complete the form annually if you want to continue volunteering. Child volunteers are volunteers under 18 years of age.



You are volunteering

When you:

- complete an unpaid practicum or work placement as part of your educational or vocational course of study
- coach or umpire sports
- mentor students
- help out in a classroom.



You are not volunteering

When you:

- are enrolled at a school and doing unpaid child-related work with other children at the same school
- watch an event, like an assembly or sports carnival.



You cannot volunteer

When you:

- have a current Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice.
- have submitted the form and are issued an Interim Negative Notice or Negative Notice – you must alert the principal.

In addition to the declaration form, you need a Working with Children (WWC) Check



You need a WWC Check

When you:

- do any paid child-related work at a school
- volunteer after you turn 18 years of age.

If you are not sure if you need a WWC Check or to complete the Parent and child volunteer declaration form, please speak with the school office staff.