



# PARTNER WITH US!



**SUPPORTING  
EVERY CHILD'S  
POTENTIAL**

## OUR WORKPLACE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Each year over 1000 volunteers generously donate their time to help children from preschool through to high school, to develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed at school and in life.

Ardoch volunteers deliver a range of programs and the volunteering commitment varies accordingly. Individuals have opportunity to volunteer weekly at one of our partner education sites through our volunteer programs.

Our volunteers commit their time, skills and enthusiasm read with children, help them practice their writing, or learn about science and the world around them through play. They are also positive role models, helping children and young people to dream big.

Without our volunteers, we could not achieve the positive impact that our programs are having for thousands of children in disadvantaged communities.

## CONTACT

To find out more about our education programs or becoming a partner, email: [volunteers@ardoch.org.au](mailto:volunteers@ardoch.org.au) or phone 1300 ARDOCH.



## LITERACY BUDDIES®

Literacy Buddies® is Ardoch's highly successful letter writing program that gives workplace volunteers an opportunity to engage with children in disadvantaged communities and help improve their learning outcomes. It's an aspirational program, exposing children to new role models and inspiring career paths that they may never have considered for themselves. Volunteer Buddies visit their letter-writing buddy's school, while children have the chance to visit their workplace – always a highlight of the year. The program also gives children an opportunity to develop different communication styles, practicing their writing and composition skills in a meaningful and rewarding way. This program can be delivered virtually as well as face to face, with children and volunteers alike getting a real kick out of receiving their buddy's letters.

In order to participate in the program, Ardoch ensures Literacy Buddies® volunteers are credentialled, trained in child safety and vaccinated.

## NUMERACY BUDDIES

Our Numeracy Buddies program matches students with workplace volunteers – often in fields such as accounting, engineering and technology – and provides them with a fun and interactive platform to solve maths problems together.

Numeracy Buddies blog every few weeks, their online engagement helping children to improve their math skills, encouraging them to verbalise key concepts, and building a greater understanding of how maths is used in different jobs in real-life settings. Numeracy Buddies also have the chance to visit their buddy's school, while children have the chance to visit their workplace.

In order to participate in the program, Ardoch ensures volunteers for our Numeracy Buddies program are credentialled, trained in child safety and vaccinated.

## OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Ardoch also runs additional programs to provide children and young people with access to mentors and new workplace and cultural experiences, all of which rely on our generous volunteers sharing their time, knowledge and experience.

These volunteers assist us with programs including: Speed Careers, where students learn about different career paths; Mock Interviews, building students' interview skills; Project Magnify, inspiring children to magnify their dreams, and; Learning through Lunch, providing a fine dining experience and exposure to the hospitality industry.



## WHY PARTNER WITH US

Ardoch's programs have proved effective in providing children and our education partners with practical and effective support to improve educational outcomes.

- **After six months with Ardoch support, 67% of students showed greater academic improvement than anticipated.**
- **79% of students showed greater confidence in their ability to learn.**

We work to help children and young people create their own vision for what they would like to be in the future, and inspire them to engage in their education. We provide real world experiences and trained volunteers so that children can practice and improve their skills to reach their full potential.