



# MERCY CONNECT

PERTH BALLARAT & REGION MELBOURNE SYDNEY

## Job Description:

### Project purpose

The broad vision of the Mercy Connect Project is:

That families from refugee and /or humanitarian backgrounds are supported through improving their children's capacity to negotiate the challenges of mainstream schooling and integrate into the wider Australian community.

### Position Description

Position title :Volunteer, Mercy Connect

Project: Mercy Connect

Hours of Work: Minimum 3 hours per week for one school year

### Project Aim

To provide mentoring to children and young people from a refugee and humanitarian background to optimise their literacy development and academic and social learning.

### Position Selection Criteria

- An interest in refugee and humanitarian issues
- Experience in an educational setting (but not essential)
- Demonstrated initiative and an ability to work independently
- Patience in facilitating student learning
- Active listening skills
- Ability to maintain clear boundaries in relation to students and their learning
- Willingness to work in a school environment under teacher guidance and direction
- Ability to travel to identified schools that include nominated students requiring mentoring
- Flexibility to change schools as needs emerge in other school locations

### Position Specific Responsibilities

Volunteers are responsible for:

- Mentoring nominated students to support their learning
- Providing support that nurtures student well-being and self esteem
- Liaising with classroom teachers regarding day-to-day needs of students
- Liaising with the relevant in school coordinator regarding school organisation
- Providing monthly reports on work undertaken
- Attending training sessions and meetings in order to remain abreast of refugee issues and student mentoring needs



***Support for this position is provided by the Mercy Connect Coordinator and individual school coordinators.***