

Ready Reading



Fact Sheet

What is the Queensland Ready Reading program?

The Queensland Ready Reading program invites parents and community members to volunteer in schools to support children's reading and make a difference in their local community.

Reading is a powerful tool to help children grow their vocabulary, language skills and imagination. It helps them to develop life-long skills that will support their future growth and learning.

The Department of Education and Volunteering Queensland are working together to help improve literacy for children in Queensland by training up to 3000 volunteers to share their knowledge and time to foster a love of reading.

What training will Ready Reading volunteers receive?

Ready Reading volunteers will undergo training to learn about the components of reading, how to support a child with reading and strategies to develop independent reading skills. Experienced staff from the Department of Education and Volunteering Queensland will deliver the training to ensure volunteers are supported to help our students become confident readers.

What checks will prospective volunteers undergo?

In order to take part in the Ready Reading program, volunteers will be required to participate in an interview and undergo standard checks including:

- ID verification
- Working with Children Check (blue card).

Reference checks may also be required.

Volunteers who complete their training will be connected with schools once they have received their blue card.



What should volunteers expect when working in schools?

Once the standard checks and training have been completed, volunteers will be connected to schools in their area that are participating in the program.

Volunteers will work under the direction of the principal and may work with individual teachers or across classes. Once Ready Reading volunteers are introduced to a participating school, the school will assume responsibility for engaging these volunteers in their reading programs.

How do I become a Ready Reading volunteer?

For further information and to register your interest in becoming a Ready Reading volunteer, visit volunteeringqld.org.au/readyreading.

How do schools register to participate in the program?

Schools that want to get involved in the Ready Reading program should contact the Department of Education's Ready Reading program manager via email at ready.reading@qed.qld.gov.au.

How do I support my child to read at home?

Further information about how to support children's reading development at home is available from the Reading Centre. Visit ahrc.eq.edu.au to learn about the services available.