

COMMUNITY MENTOR: a job description

What is the Community Mentoring program about?

A trained volunteer mentor meets with an identified student for one hour each week in their school. The focus is on developing a positive relationship with a young person to build on their strengths, skills, abilities and interests to remain connected to learning.

What will I be doing?

- Meet with the student for one hour each week during school hours.
- Listen and share; encourage communication with the student during an organized activity.
- Reinforce positive behaviours to encourage student confidence and self-esteem.
- Personalise and connect learning using an activity based on the student's interests.
- Liaise with school Meet 'n Greet staff, the student's teacher and a Community Mentor coordinator.
- *e-mentoring* is an alternative that might work for you: the *student* is at school, *you* are at work / home / different location.

What is required from me?

- Interest in working with others, especially young people
- Ability to communicate and listen effectively
- Reliability and commitment; demonstrate respect for young people
- Work within program policies & procedures
- Understand and maintain confidentiality
- Satisfactory Criminal History & Referee checks; attendance at core training sessions.

Will I get support?

- Volunteers are supported with comprehensive training prior to being matched with a student
- Essential training includes induction, support strategies, responding to abuse and neglect
- Mentors providing e-mentoring will be provided with initial and ongoing specialized support.