

Workplace volunteering | ethics education for children

Primary Ethics provides ethics education to over 32,000 students each week in NSW primary schools via a network of dedicated volunteers. It is estimated that another 60,000 children are missing out due to lack of volunteers. We invite your organisation to be part of the solution.

What are the benefits?

Ethics education helps children develop a life-long capacity to make well-reasoned decisions about ethical issues.

By partnering with Primary Ethics for a workplace volunteering program, your organisation will be helping to equip tomorrow's decision-makers with skills in critical thinking and collaborative inquiry.

Benefits to your organisation include:

Employee engagement – team development through group training, shared volunteering experience and the satisfaction of contributing to the local community.

Community connection – each employee who volunteers would enable up to 22 children at a local primary school to benefit from ethics education.

Employee development – stimulating learning and development opportunity that can expand professional skills including facilitation, communication and out of the box thinking.



What is the commitment?

Volunteers make a personal commitment to Primary Ethics for a minimum of 12 months to ensure consistency for children and schools.

While much of the volunteer work can be completed in the employee's own time, a portion takes place within school hours, depending on the role.

Workplaces are asked to negotiate a work arrangement with employees to accommodate the role.

Primary Ethics' three key roles offer a diverse experience in skilled volunteering

	Ethics Teacher	Ethics Coordinator	Regional Manager
Role	Deliver weekly ethics classes to students using approved lesson materials	Establish and manage an ethics program in a school, recruit ethics teachers and liaise with the school to manage the program	Coordinate ethics programs in schools across a region, recruit and support ethics coordinators and promote volunteer engagement on a regional basis
Time commitment within business hours (approximately)	30 mins/week* in the classroom for up to 36 school weeks a year 18 hrs/yr (plus travel time)	1-2 hrs/month to visit or phone schools 20 hrs/yr	1-2 hrs/month to visit or phone schools 20 hrs/yr
Time commitment outside work hours	30 mins/week of preparation	Variable, on average 1-2 hrs/week flexible time and location	Variable, up to 5 hrs/week flexible time and location
Training	Up to 3 hours online and an intensive 2 day workshop	Online approx. 2 hours (optional attendance at workshop)	Online approx. 3 hours (optional attendance at workshop)

*Most schools provide a 30 minute weekly slot for ethics classes, a small number have lessons up to 60 minutes

Flexible arrangements for Ethics Teacher Training

While online training provides the groundwork, a two-day workshop is essential for ethics teachers and can be beneficial (but is optional) for those embarking on roles as volunteer ethics coordinators and regional managers. Weekday and weekend training is available depending on demand. Training is free of charge but organisations are invited to make a contribution. Workplace team based training is also available.

Other ways to support ethics education

Primary Ethics receives no government funding and relies on the generosity of donors to develop curriculum and to recruit, train and support volunteers. Your organisation can support Primary Ethics through donations, in kind support and workplace giving. We gratefully acknowledge our corporate supporters on our website. To organise a workplace presentation or discuss a tailored approach, please contact Leonie Johnson: 02 8068 7752 or email leonie.johnson@primaryethics.com.au