

**St John (NSW) Community Care was established in 1989 to provide services to the community in areas other than first aid.**

**\* Did you know**

Community Care supports around 500 volunteers who are actively involved in school based, early literacy and immunisation community programs, providing 8,000 volunteer hours.

**Who volunteers?**

- \* **Our volunteers are diverse and come from a host of backgrounds and experiences.**
- \* **All volunteers are aged over 18 years, are interested in helping children and have the time to commit to the program that they join.**

**Our programs give you the opportunity to help children in your local community.**



***Community Care Volunteer Support Meeting***

Throughout the year volunteer support meetings are organised to maintain skill levels and provide the opportunity to meet with fellow Community Care volunteers.

For more information call **02 9745 8738** or email **ccb@stjohnnsw.com.au**



ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA (NSW)

**COMMUNITY CARE**

**Helping local children**

Program to Aid Literacy and Immunisation Program



## PROGRAM TO AID LITERACY (PALs)

This volunteer program is designed to assist students in NSW primary schools experiencing difficulty with reading and writing. The program aims to develop the students' literacy skills and to enhance their confidence and self esteem.

### *Where can I volunteer?*

The program operates in over 200 primary schools within metropolitan and regional areas across NSW.

### *How long does the training take before I can volunteer?*

Volunteers complete a four day accredited Program To Aid Literacy Course. This equips you with the skills and strategies to independently conduct a one hour session with fun activities to support literacy and to develop a child's self esteem. Volunteers are trained to support children in small groups or in a one to one environment.

### *Support for you!*

To ensure that your volunteering is an enjoyable experience each school nominates a PAL coordinator to provide in-school support. St John Community Care staff are also available during office hours to offer support and assistance.



### *✦ Did you know*

The cost of the PAL course is only \$25 and is redeemable after 6 months active volunteering.

## IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

This program is designed to provide assistance to the NSW Department of Health Immunisation Teams, who visit secondary schools to immunise students against a range of vaccine preventable diseases.

### *What do volunteers do?*

Volunteers help with administrative requirements as well as providing emotional support to the children. There are no medical duties undertaken by our volunteers.

### *What training do I need?*

Volunteers undertake an accredited Immunisation Program Course. The course equips volunteers with knowledge of the different vaccinations given as well as skills to work effectively with children. The one day course is free of charge and participants receive a handbook.



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