



**Alcoa
Foundation**

Connecting Generations for School Success

At Alcoa, we are passionate about partnering with communities to help address local needs, meet aspirations, and build resilience. For this reason, we are proud to partner with EdConnect Australia to support young people to succeed emotionally, socially and academically.

EdConnect's Connecting Generations for School Success Program gives young people access to academic and social support while also helping older generations remain active in their communities.

For children to thrive, they need to be connected to, and supported by, a network of caring people with the skills and time to listen and provide guidance. EdConnect Australia recruits, trains and supports skilled volunteers to provide life-changing academic support and mentoring to students who might otherwise struggle to realise their potential.

Focusing on disadvantaged or at-risk young people, this important program is delivered in schools across Kwinana, Peel and the Upper South West area of Western Australia through support provided by the Alcoa Foundation.

About
\$600,000

**in Alcoa Foundation funding has
been committed to EdConnect's
Connecting Generations for
School Success Program**



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The program

EdConnect harnesses the energy of hundreds of volunteers to help at-risk and vulnerable students increase their literacy and numeracy standards, and life skills.

The support from the Alcoa Foundation has allowed the program to be developed and delivered across the Kwinana, Peel and Upper South West of Western Australia. EdConnect has connected with local schools and recruited, screened and training volunteers to assist with learning support and mentoring.

Volunteers

Mentor volunteers work face-to-face with the same student weekly to support them academically, teach them social skills, and provide emotional support. Mentors and students build trusting bonds through a range of activities including talking, craft and sports.

Learning support volunteers are important contributors to the classroom, assisting teachers and encouraging students to achieve academic goals. The volunteers also assist in other ways including in the school library, canteen, at fundraisers and at sports carnivals.

Goals

Between 2021 and 2024, the Alcoa Foundation-EdConnect partnership aims to match 100 volunteers with up to 800 students requiring social, emotional or academic support across at least 15 schools in Kwinana, Peel and the Upper South West each year.

The partnership will also strive to build secure long-term sustainability for the program through a formal assessment and creation of a volunteer retention strategy.

By the end of 2024

