

Guidance for VOLUNTEERS and the Care of Students

In schools, the education and care of students is enhanced by the valuable role of volunteers who help in various ways.

When volunteers assist the school they are always conscious that as school volunteers:

- they are not simply caring for their own child
- they will take particular care with how they deal with *all* students

Parents and schools have high expectations of how children will be treated. Schools, like other settings that care for children, have certain rules that apply.

Child Protection is paramount when assisting the School

- ✓ Always act in the best interest of children
- ✓ Take all reasonable steps to protect children

If a Student misbehaves:

- ✓ Refer the problem to the teacher or a school staff member who will take appropriate action
- ✓ Always speak calmly to the student
- ✗ *Never* take matters into your own hands and physically discipline a student

School Volunteers are required to:

- ✓ Be a suitable person to volunteer for child-related work
 - Any person *barred* in NSW from working with children is *not* able to volunteer
- ✓ Treat students with respect
- ✓ Always act prudently and maintain appropriate personal boundaries
- ✓ Cooperate with supervising staff at all times

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION