

No Mercy without volunteers

Mercy Connect Melbourne currently has over 150 volunteers working in 50 schools, Primary, Secondary, Catholic, Government, Special School and Language Centre across Melbourne working with approximately 600 students from Foundation to year 12. The award winning program supports adult asylum seeker/refugee/humanitarian background students through a Literacy program.

The Mercy Connect project aims to provide additional academic support and mentoring to students from asylum seeker/refugee/humanitarian background through the use of trained volunteers with an educational background. Volunteers complement the work of teachers by providing reading, writing and numeracy support and interpreting classroom and other relevant instructions.

Most volunteers are Trained Teachers whilst others are Professional Retirees. They are ordinary people doing extraordinary work in sharing their love of education and each is filled with compassions for others. Without them there would be no Mercy Connect Melbourne.

In applying for and receiving the State Awards the work and commitment of the Volunteers has been publicly acknowledged, the impact they have on the community is seen through the progress of the students they assist and the wishes of other schools to join the program.

Congratulations Mercy Connect on their well-deserved Excellence in Grassroots Award at the 2019 Volunteering Victoria State Awards.

