

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Volunteer Buddies Day – Ipswich

Vinnies Youth is seeking Volunteers who are looking to make a real positive impact on the lives of young people in the area.

Our Buddies Days are designed to develop the confidence and emotional intelligence of the young people we serve while providing respite for parents and caregivers. The program helps young people from a variety of backgrounds between the ages of 8-13 learn new skills and make friends.

Buddies Volunteers are part of a team who plan and facilitate the program. Expect to meet inspirational young people who do their best with life's challenges. You do not need to have experience working with children as all training will be provided. **The Ipswich Buddies Day program is held on the 4th Saturday of the month.** In addition to the monthly program, Vinnies Youth also hosts an annual camp for Buddies Day participants.

A bit about Vinnies... The St Vincent de Paul Society is one of the most recognised charitable organisations that offers a hand up to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope and encouraging them to take control of their destiny by providing practical support, advocacy and friendship.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland is proactive in supporting child safety.

Eligibility Criteria

Be 16 and over

All perspective volunteers are required to undergo an initial suitability interview as well as undergo the Society screening and suitability checks including National Criminal History Check, eligible to hold a Blue Card and attend an induction. All checks and inductions are provided at no cost to you

Be committed to undertaking at least 6 months of volunteer work as a Buddies Volunteer.

Vinnies Youth welcomes expressions of interest from any person that meets the eligibility criteria.

Training

No prior experience is required, but any relevant experience is welcomed. There may be opportunities within the organisation to gain accredited qualifications, such as Mental Health First aid, First aid and CPR.

You will receive training from the organisation before you start in your role as a volunteer.

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this 'Country' (land) upon which we stand and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to the Elders of all cultures both past and present.

