

Student results and key themes

'Have your say about student volunteering survey' was designed to capture the opinions of students about their volunteering experiences and to help shape the future of volunteering in SA for a further 6 years (2021-2027).



230 primary and secondary students
10 teachers and reception staff completed the survey

All students, whether their volunteering experiences were school-based, or community based had opinions about the benefits and value of volunteering for the community and for themselves.

What students aged between 9-11 said:

The majority **71%** had experienced student volunteering at their school

Ways to make volunteering more meaningful and fun 'cheering me on', 'let us **choose** types of volunteering programs', 'focus on the meaning and why you're doing it and what a **difference** it could make'

The greatest motivation to volunteer was to 'try new things'

80% anticipated that volunteering helps in the development of job ready skills



Students would like most to volunteer in animal related areas (**76%**) followed by arts, museums and history areas (**49%**)

What students aged up to 19 said:

80% had been involved with student volunteering at their school

Experiences outside of school include:

- Community services
- Sport & recreation
- Health
- Youth and children
- Emergency
- Aged care
- Education



- Environment
- Animal services
- Religious

The value of volunteering

- **82%** Contribute to something
- **72%** Try new things
- **69%** Develop my skills and capabilities
- **52.76%** Step outside my comfort zone
- **45.73%** Develop friendships



General capabilities volunteering helps develop

- **76%** Personal and social capability
- **61%** Critical and creative thinking
- **60%** Intercultural understanding
- **55%** Ethical understanding



95% anticipated that volunteering helps in the development of job ready skills

How volunteering helps develop job ready skills:

- communication and connections with others
- learn about working with different kinds of people
- teaches skills more focused towards job liked
- experience
- respect others and self-respect
- interpersonal and social skills
- good for resume
- confidence
- life experience.



How our leaders could make volunteering easier and meaningful for students:

- more volunteering events in a range of categories
- offering new ways to volunteer, making it fun
- advertising
- encouragement, support before and during the process
- more opportunities for young people aged 12 and above
- make a school-based website/directory of where school kids can access volunteering opportunities
- children's voices to be heard
- help with transportation costs
- placements
- volunteer programs in schools (support in schools).



Anticipated future volunteering

- **68%** Animals
- **56%** People
- **53%** Environment
- **38%** Being in a club that provides volunteer opportunities for young people

