TYPES OF VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN

Teacher workshops across Australia and ACT research provided a snapshot of the types of volunteer and service activities students are involved in. These included:

+ developing programs for other youth
+ learning from other young people then using those skills to help younger students
+ fundraising for charities
+ building houses in Thailand, toilets in India and water purification programs in Borneo (World Challenge Program)
+ helping students with disability
+ sports coaching
+ helping at holiday care programs
+ developing and running holiday camps
+ running sausage sizzles for events
+ officiating at local feeder school sports carnivals
+ entertaining at a local child care facility
+ learning through internship (Big Picture programs)
+ Anzac day services and participation
+ food drives
+ playgroup assistance
+ staffing information stalls
+ building a sand pit
+ assisting with an urban farm program
+ helping out on band night
+ running a café
+ gardening activities
+ barista services
+ leading youth groups
+ reading to local kindergarten students
+ working with the elderly as IT coaches
+ providing companionship to the elderly
+ recording the history of the elderly
+ blanket drive for the homeless
+ preparing care packages for disadvantaged overseas communities
+ tutoring others
+ Cadets (for example Navy, RAAF, Army)
+ Duke of Edinburgh Award
+ volunteering activities as a ‘sport’ (for example gardening at a local community garden during the school’s assigned sports periods)
+ peer support
+ early childhood care
+ volunteering at charity events
+ school-organised volunteering projects as an alternative to ‘schoolies’ for graduating Year 12 students
+ peer reading programs
+ school breakfast programs
+ community gardens
+ NAIDOC Week activities
+ surf lifesaving volunteering
+ service clubs such as Lions and Rotary.