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National week shines spotlight on Australia's student volunteers

This week we celebrate National Student Volunteer Week 2019, which runs from 12 - 18 August. This year with the theme challenge yourself, be the change, celebrate each other, the week will promote, support and recognise student volunteering across Australia.

National Student Volunteer Week is an annual celebration to acknowledge the substantial contribution of time, energy and skill made by student volunteers. Events will be hosted by universities and schools nation-wide including volunteer expos, workshops, panels, networking sessions, fundraising drives, thank you events and volunteer projects that help local not-for-profits.

Volunteering Australia CEO Adrienne Picone said that engaging young people in meaningful volunteer work is a key priority for the volunteering sector at a national and local level.

"Providing students with opportunities to make a positive impact through volunteering enhances their student experience, it helps them with their personal and professional development and their career-aspirations,"

"Strengths that students bring to their volunteering include their diversity, creativity, enthusiasm, understanding of technology and their new, innovative ideas, which benefits not-for-profits and in turn whole communities," Ms Picone said.

Volunteering has become increasingly common among young Australians over recent years, with recent ABS findings indicating that the highest rates of volunteering were for youth aged 15-17 (42 per cent).

Find out more about National Student Volunteer Week at www.nationalstudentvolunteerweek.org.au. Follow the week on social media #NSVW19.

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