



SIDE BY SIDE

VOLUNTEER ROLE POSITION DESCRIPTION

- Commitment Period:** A minimum of 6 months, but we love it if it's longer!
- Location:** Side by Side is located in Sunshine West, Victoria.
- Frequency:** Weekly during school terms, as well as attending compulsory training and team meetings.
- Time:** Between 2.00pm–5.00pm on Mondays.

ABOUT RMCC

RMCC helps kids from refugee and migrant backgrounds thrive in school and life.

RMCC tackles the unique and complex barriers faced by school aged children and youth from refugee, asylum seeker and migrant backgrounds that now call Australia home through their settlement journey, so they become empowered individuals that can create their own opportunities.

The RMCC journey started from humble beginnings in 2012 and has evolved to us assisting over 800 kids across multiple programs, and in 2020 our goal is to reach over 2000 kids in need.

We provide unique and tailored mentoring programs in our four focus areas of education, identity and belonging, life skills, and mental health and wellbeing by bringing together, upskilling and collaborating with the three key figures in each child's life: their school, family and the wider community.



PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Side by Side is for prep-year 2 students and their families and creates a space for families and their children to engage together and to build confidence in learning. Side by Side aims to increase family capacity to support their child's learning at home. This program also assists parents to connect to the school community and to develop a better understanding of the Victorian school system.

The project involves:

- A weekly after school session each Monday from 2.00–5.00pm;
- Families and students working together;
- Project-based activities that include model building/robotics, gardening & conservation, dance, science projects and arts and crafts.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide high quality mentoring to students and their families in a range of topics and projects with emphasis on family learning and engagement;
- Communicate effectively with students and their parents about the tasks involved and provide assistance when needed;
- Listen actively and effectively in order to identify and solve problems, facilitate learning for students and their families as well as build student confidence and family participation;
- Acquire deeper understanding of program material and mentoring techniques and be open to new ideas on how to help students and their families;
- Build a trusting learning relationship with the children and their families.



WHO YOU ARE

- Passionate about the mission of RMCC and wanting to create change for kids who now call Australia home;
- Highly professional, confident and see opportunities when others see challenges;
- Self-motivated individual who is ready to take initiative;
- Positive, caring and inclusive;
- Ability to have fun whilst getting the job done as efficiently as possible;

YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Fluent in the English language;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Can work both independently and in a team environment;
- Experience working with children and/or youth is looked highly upon;
- Previous volunteering experience is looked highly upon.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS ROLE:

- Current Working With Children Check or willingness to obtain one;
- Current National Police Check or willingness to obtain one;
- Attend required training when necessary outside of Side by Side sessions;
- Able to volunteer between 2:00–5:00pm on Mondays in Sunshine West for a minimum of 2 school terms (6 months). Carpooling available;
- Attend monthly team meetings and outings.

APPLICATIONS

Email your resume and a cover letter to volunteer@rmccaustralia.org.au.

