



**INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS
THE NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Commencing 15 June 2013

There is a new Working with Children Check starting in NSW on 15 June 2013. If you volunteer in a school these changes may affect you.

Under the new check:

- Volunteers in child related work will apply for their own Working with Children Check. This is not the responsibility of a school or CEO
- They will need to reapply every five years
- The clearance is transferable between different employers
- The same Working With Children Check will now apply to everyone – paid workers, self-employed people and volunteers
- Certain exemptions apply for volunteers. Most parent volunteers will be exempt. However, parents will need to consider if they are required to undertake the Check or not before it is required. If they are not exempt they must undertake the Check if they wish to volunteer in child related work in a school
- A person who is required to undertake a Check and does not do so will not be allowed to volunteer in child related work
- After 15 June 2013 Volunteers in child related work will not be required to sign the Volunteer Declaration Form. The new process will apply.

When does a Volunteer in a School need a Check?

Volunteers, (who will be required to apply for the Check), in the Education Sector need not apply for a Check in 2013. The phase in period is during 2016 and 2017.

Please see the attached FACT SHEET from the Commission for Children and Young People

For further details or information please go to the website for the Commission for Children and Young People at <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check> or Ph: 02 9286 7276.