

## **Working with Children Check for Volunteers**

We always encourage and are grateful for the presence and support of parents at all of our community-based activities. These include reading helpers, excursions, sporting and cultural events as well as celebration gatherings like Grandparents Day, Mother's Day etc. In recent years NSW Government legislation has changed and now requires that all volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Check. This check replaces the previous online modules from the Parramatta Catholic Education Office that many parents completed in the past.

The Working with Children Check is now required for any parents, grandparents etc who volunteer to assist at school based activities. For the purpose of the Working with Children Check a volunteer is someone 18 years or older and who does not receive payment for their work.

To apply for a Working with Children Check, you must first fill in an online application form, and then present proof of your identity at a NSW Motor Registry, RMS agency, or Service NSW office.

Go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check) and complete the online application form. If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone (02) 9286 7219 for assistance.

Go to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS agency, or Service NSW office (not your local Council). Find a location at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre).

You will need your application number and proof of your identity. You must have both of these items for your application to proceed.

**It is important to note that there is no cost involved to volunteers in applying for the Working with Children Check.**