

What do I need to know about becoming a Queensland Ready Reader?

The Position

A Queensland Ready Reader is a volunteer who will assist individual children with their reading, engaging with them to build their confidence and enjoyment in books and the art of reading.

Location

Ready Readers will work in primary schools across the State.

The Role of a Ready Reader

- Ready Readers will work with children in the early years to assist them with their reading.
- Ready Readers will use a range of strategies to help readers become confident and independent in their reading.
- Ready Readers will engage children in the reading process through questioning on the illustrations, the subject matter of the book, the characters, the setting, and the meaning of the story.

Key Responsibilities

- Work with individual children, under the direction of class teacher
- Provide reading support strategies to early readers
- Read to and with children, modelling the art of reading
- Talk with children about the art of reading

Time Commitment

Ready Readers are asked to commit to regular sessions so that the full benefits of the program can be realised. This could be 1-2 hours a week.

Support Provided

Within the local area, a Regional Coordinator will be organising Ready Reader school placements, and volunteer training. They will contact registered volunteers directly to discuss preferred locations and availability.

All Ready Readers will be required to undertake an eight (8) hour training session. The training sessions will be delivered at various times in the local area so that personal circumstances can be accommodated. Once placed in schools, Ready Readers will receive support through the teachers they work with, as well as through the school Principal who will provide an induction to the school outlining school arrangements, policies and procedures.

Required Qualifications

There are no specific formal qualifications required to become a Ready Reader. All volunteers will be required to undergo a Working with Children check before commencing in a school. The required training in the support process must also be completed before commencing as a Ready Reader. Support and practice sessions will be available to volunteers as they develop the competencies for the role.

Is this the position for you?

To be a successful Ready Reader you must be enthusiastic about working closely with young children, and be confident that you can demonstrate an enjoyment and satisfaction from reading. Your enthusiasm will be catching!