What is SAAVI?

In partnership with Volunteering Queensland Inc, Queensland Secondary Schools, Special Schools and Alternate Schools can offer their Year 10, 11 and 12 students the chance to undertake a **nationally recognised Certificate I, II or III in Active Volunteering** through the Students As Active Volunteers Initiative (SAAVI).
The beginning of SAAVI

SAAVI began in 2009 with three pilot projects being run at 3 Brisbane High Schools.
The growth of SAAVI

Since this time SAAVI has grown to now be offered in many schools/training programs throughout Queensland:

• 2009 – 26 students graduated from 3 schools to now

• 2015 – 1500 students and trainers/assessors graduated from approximately 50 schools

SAAVI has students from Cairns to the Gold Coast and out west to St George.

In 2016, we currently have over 2,500 students and trainers/assessors enrolled into the Certificates I, II and III in Active Volunteering and this number is increasing daily.
SAAVI as a Learning Option

SAAVI is an option for students to achieve between 2-5 QCE credits.
Volunteer Placement

Students develop valuable workplace knowledge and skills in a **volunteer placement at a local (non-profit) organisation** of their choice (wherever possible).
Qualification Outcomes

Through SAAVI, students:

• Gain credits towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

  — **Certificate I** – 2 QCE credits, 5 units of competency need to be completed and 20 hours of volunteering

  — **Certificate II** – 4 QCE credits, 7 units of competency need to be completed and 30 hours of volunteering

  — **Certificate III** – 5 QCE credits, 10 units of competency need to be completed and 50 hours of volunteering

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Potential Employment Outcomes

Through SAAVI, students:

• Build work and real world skills, experience and confidence that is required in today’s workplaces
• Add value to their school studies and develop employability skills
• Learn to transition from school to life in employment and the community
• Develop workplace networks

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Potential Employment Outcomes

Through SAAVI, students:

- Gain **references** and can add their experiences to their resumes
- Strengthen their **self-esteem**
- Develop **pathways into a broad range of industry areas** including community service, sport and recreation, emergency services and human services sectors
Social Outcomes

Through SAAVI, students:

• Experience the **mutual benefits of being involved in their community** and make connections for future community engagement activities

• Make a **difference** in their community and develop their **social consciousness**
For Teachers

SAAVI qualifications are delivered in schools by Secondary School, Special School and Alternate School trainers/assessors.

SAAVI trainers/assessors are required to hold:

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40110) and

The SAAVI qualification they deliver.

The SAAVI qualification can be completed through Volunteering Queensland by a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process at a reduced cost.
Requirements

The **Certificate I, II or III in Active Volunteering qualifications** require students to complete specific core and elective units. All students must complete a minimum number of hours of voluntary work.
Core Modules

• **Core modules include:**
  
  — Being an effective volunteer
  — Working with diverse people
  — Communicating effectively
  — Working legally and ethically
  — Workplace Health and Safety
  — Organising personal work priorities
Electives can be chosen in the areas of:

- Information Technology
- Sport and Recreation
- Group activities
- Food Safety and/or
- Community Safety
How we support you

All educational programs that become part of SAAVI are provided with **resources, assessments and support** needed for students to successfully complete these qualifications. All resources, assessments and benchmark answers can be easily accessed from our Education Central website for teachers delivering these qualifications.
Volunteering Queensland is only ever a phone call or email away.

We provide our SAAVI trainers/assessors with regional Professional Development meetings throughout the year. These meetings assist with networking and with currency in the Vocational Education and Training sector.
For all **Certificate I, II and III fees** or for a **school visit** please contact our Jackie on 3002 7600 and select option #3 or by email on [jackie@volunteeringqld.org.au](mailto:jackie@volunteeringqld.org.au).

For more information about SAAVI please visit: