

# Home Based Care Volunteer



**Time commitment:** Approx 10 hrs a fortnight



**Location:** Forest Hill, Melbourne (Vic)



**Induction/Training:** Approx 5 hours

## About the program

MacKillop's Home Based Care program helps maintain and support carer households to meet the needs of children in Out of Home Care utilising a therapeutic lens.

This position is situated within the Volunteer Program of MacKillop and is part of MacKillop Home Based Care Team in Forest Hill reporting to the Coordinator, Tori Pillios.

The Home Based Care Volunteer will support the home based care team in Forest Hill.

## Your role

Home based care supports foster carers and children in foster care to meet optimal development in a caring and nurturing environment.

You will be supporting MacKillop staff in the home based care program by lending a hand with some of their tasks, so we can deliver exceptional service to families, children and young people.

## Possible tasks

- Transporting children and young people to and from appointments or school.
- Helping with organising and planning events for MacKillop staff and clients.
- Short periods of caring for children (e.g. During supervision for carers).
- Practical support for carers (e.g. picking up medical scripts).

## The volunteer must possess

- Valid and current Driver's Licence.
- Valid and current Working with Children Card.
- Satisfactory criminal history check conducted by MacKillop Family Services.
- NDIS check.
- Carer Register Check conducted by MacKillop Family Services.

## You will be required to

- Sign and actively abide by MacKillop's Code of Conduct
- Observe and actively support MacKillop's P.8 People and Workplace Policy
- Attend mandatory and other training as required
- Participate in and promote continuous quality improvement processes
- Promote an environment that is culturally safe and strengths focussed
- Abide by principles and commitments of the Sanctuary Framework
- Participate in regular supervision and undergo all relevant compliance checks

## Key selection criteria

- Demonstrated passion and motivation for the important work MFS does.
- The ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with families, community, and others within Mackillop.
- A non-judgmental approach and compassion for supporting others who may be experiencing difficult circumstances.
- An understanding or willingness to learn about the issues that vulnerable children, young people and families face.
- Demonstrate behaviour consistent with MacKillop's five values, Justice, Hope, Collaboration, Compassion, and Respect.
- A knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and values and an awareness of the current issues faced by Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

## About MacKillop Family Services

MacKillop Family Services continues our founders' passionate commitment to social justice - to work for the rights of children, young people and families to be safe, to learn, feel nurtured and connected to culture. We provide high quality services to promote healing from trauma and loss, and to enable hopeful futures. MacKillop Family Services will care compassionately, respond large-heartedly and advocate courageously.



MacKillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the Communities where we work.



MacKillop celebrates and draws strength from diversity and respects the dignity of all people. We value an inclusive culture where lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, gender diverse, intersex and asexual people (LGBTIQ+A+) have the right to be safe.



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