



School Break Edition 1

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## Volunteering Australia

Help retain designated funding for Volunteering Support Services.

Sign our petition today and defend volunteering in your community.

Volunteering Australia's petition asks the Senate to: Recognise the important role that

Volunteering Support Services have in building strong and resilient communities; Retain funding

for volunteer management and Volunteering Support Services at the current level of between \$6 – \$7.5 million in the 2017/18 budget

To sign the Petition go to: [Volunteering Australia](#)



## Working With Children Check

### Final phase-in group begins

The final sectors in child-related work in NSW are now being phased in to the Working With Children Check. Volunteers and existing paid workers in child-related work in the remaining health and education sectors are now encouraged to apply for a Working With Children Check and must be compliant by 31 March 2018.



### These groups are

- Children's health services – all remaining Local Health Districts
- The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead)
- Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network
- Ambulance Service of NSW
- Early education and child care
- Children's Health – remaining services
- Education – all remaining services
- Education and care service – approved provider, manager, or certified supervisor

## Review and Update of the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF)

University of South Australia, has been commissioned by Education Services Australia, on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, to review and update the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF). The NSSF provides Australian schools with a vision and a set of guiding principles that assist school communities to develop positive and practical student safety and wellbeing policies.

To make sure that all members of the school community have a voice in this process, we will be seeking views and recommendations from a wide range of key stakeholders, including educators and school staff, parents and carers, and representatives from a variety of educational, governmental, NGO/not for profit, allied services and parent/carer organisations.

If you are willing to be involved in this research, please click on the survey link below. Completion of the survey indicates that you have provided your informed consent to participate in this study. [Survey Link](#)

## EduTECH- Sydney International Convention Centre, 8 June 2017

EduTECH is the largest education event in Asia Pac and the Southern Hemisphere. Although this is an education event, it is not only for educators!

The event offers a **FREE program specifically for Parents**. EduTECH involves the parent community and provides a platform for parents to engage with their child's learning. See more here: <http://edutech.net.au/parentsprogram.html>

Parents will find out all about the technologies used in the classroom and network with other parents at EduTECH as well. Parents can attend with their children, as **entry into the Exhibition is FREE**. If you would like to attend this FREE program, visit [www.edutech.net.au](http://www.edutech.net.au) and register under the 'Free Parents Program pass'.

