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VIOLA Program - 2018

PHILOSOPHY

Our Lady's Assumption School recognises the value of using volunteers in the classroom and appreciates the assistance they give to teachers in providing a wide range of activities for their students.

OBJECTIVES

The VIOLA Program:

- Endeavours to capitalise on the skills, knowledge and experience of the wider school community who are willing to volunteer their time to assist students and teachers.
- Aims to provide an additional and otherwise unobtainable level of practical support and assistance for students.
- Aims to provide the volunteers with the necessary understanding and a range of techniques and strategies that will enhance the skills and capabilities that they already are able to offer.

ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER

- To provide direct and indirect support to students through tasks and activities that are planned, directed, allocated, coordinated, monitored and evaluated by the classroom teacher.
- To encourage and expect appropriate behaviour, provide friendship, support and general help in building self-esteem in the students and to offer genuine praise and admiration when it is earned.

COMMITMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The volunteer is expected to honour their commitment to the VIOLA Program by ensuring that they are present and punctual on the allocated day and time.

It is acknowledged that children learn in different ways, are at different stages in their educational development and have different skills and talents. Volunteers are expected to respect these differences in the students and to honour the code of confidentiality that protects each child.

A 'Parent Helper Information session' will take place on Friday 23rd March, commencing at 9.00am in the library. This presentation will cover various topics including confidentiality, the value and role of parent helpers in the classroom. The session will run for approximately an hour. If you wish to be a parent help in the classroom it is essential that you attend the meeting. Please return the below form to your child's class teacher.

Vel Erskine
Assistant Principal

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Please return the portion below to the class teacher.

PARTICIPATION

I will be attending the VIOLA program meeting on Friday 23 March commencing at 9am in the library.

Name _____ Year Level _____