Example lesson-by-lesson plan – student volunteer program

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| Week | Topic | Outline of lesson | Resources |
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| 1 | Introduction to the program | Introduction: Teacher provides overview of the student volunteer program and sets expectations. For example, leading up to the volunteer week students will engage in numerous activities relating to volunteering.Activity: Students presented with volunteering options to choose from (participating host organisations).Conclusion: Selection of organisations is provided for students to sign up for, based on their interests. | Laptop* Sign-up sheet
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| 2 | Volunteer organisation presentation | Volunteer organisation: presentation on the types of volunteering opportunities they offer. | Laptopprojector* speakers
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| 3 | World café  | Introduction: Teacher hosts a World café as a way to talk about what volunteering means.Activity: Students actively engage in conversations about volunteering. Ask questions and encourage students to share their ideas and thoughts. For example:* How am I currently connected/involved in my community?
* What is giving? What is volunteering? Is there a difference between the two? What are the positives of volunteering?
* What am I passionate about? What do I care about?

**Conclusion**:Students develop a deeper understanding of volunteering, making links between their current role and future role in the community. | * Tables/chairs
* Post-it wall pads
* Writing implements
* Bell
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| 4 | Prior knowledge | **Introduction**: Teacher speaks to the class about:* What is volunteering?
* Why volunteer?
* Types of volunteering

**Activity**: Each student is given a daily reflection journal which includes pre/post volunteering activities.**Conclusion**: Students begin to develop an understanding about the variety of volunteering opportunities and its benefits. | * Daily reflection journals
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| 4 | Volunteer organisation investigation | Introduction: Students research some of the volunteering organisations around their local community.**Activity**: Students write a report identifying groups in the local community and exploring their purpose.**Conclusion**: Students share their analysis with the class. |  |
| 4 | Civics and citizenship: Where can I volunteer | **Introduction**: Teacher leads discussion on why people participate within communities and how students can actively participate and contribute.**Activity**: Students download the [WeDo](https://www.volunteeringsa-nt.org.au/volunteers/wedo-app) app and search volunteer information and youth volunteering listings.**Conclusion**: Students get an idea of where they might like to go and volunteer (extracurricular activity), express interest or apply directly with organisations, log and print a record of volunteer hours, gain points and redeem rewards. | * Mobile phones
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| 4 | Visual Arts: Persuade effectively | **Introduction**: Students present artwork demonstrating consideration of how the artwork is displayed to enhance the artist’s intention to an audience.**Activity**: Students create a photographic image that will draw attention to the work of a volunteering organisation and try to influence other students to volunteer for that organisation.**Conclusion**: After viewing each other’s image, students write a brief critique of the image they think best persuades other students to volunteer. | * Laptops/ computers
* Cameras
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| 4 | Benefits of volunteering | **Introduction**: Students must convince their parents/ caregivers of the value of the student volunteer program.**Activity**: Students design a brochure / webpage highlighting the benefits of volunteering.**Conclusion**: Students to take home their promotional product for their parent/ caregiver to assess. | * Laptops/ computers
* Parent assessment rubric
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| 5 | Inspiring volunteers | Introduction: Watch one of the following films:* Pay it forward
* Ryan’s well
* The help
* The blind side

**Activity**: Students work in groups, reflecting on:* what was the problem?
* what was the solution?
* what was the outcome?
* how the film made them feel?

**Conclusion**: Each group presents to the class their thoughts about the film.  | * TV
* Film
* Popcorn
* Bottled water
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| 6 | History: Good citizens | Introduction: Teacher leads discussion about what makes a good citizen then asks students to focus on volunteers.Activity: Students research information about volunteers whose service has been broadly recognised. Students develop a set of criteria and processes for recognising volunteers who work within the school.**Conclusion:** Teacher to assess each student’s selected volunteer nomination and how it aligns to the criteria. | * Laptops/ computers
* Sample criteria for volunteer awards
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| 6 | Volunteer organisation | Students visit an organisation that engages volunteers | * Bus
* Consent forms
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| 6 | Graduate qualities and capabilities | Introduction: Students make links between volunteering and their Graduate Qualities.**Activity**: Students self-assess Graduate Qualities, set SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, timely) goals and examine their mindset (growth vs fixed).**Conclusion:** Students reflect on how they will aim to develop the qualities over their week of volunteering. | * Daily reflection journals
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| 7 | Build your purpose | Introduction: The teacher explains to students that they will be looking at what positive purpose, positive communities and paying it forward mean, and how these apply to their lives and actions.**Activity**: Students explore and reflect on how volunteering will benefit them and others to produce positive community and give individuals positive purpose.**Conclusion**: Students will present an individual 500 word written response to the question: how does volunteering contribute to creating positive communities? |  |
| 7 | Capturing memories | Introduction: Students capture and document the volunteering experience on video.**Activity**: Students work in groups to complete a 3 minute video snapshot of their volunteering experience.**Conclusion**: Students video to be used to introduce the volunteering program to other students. | * iPads
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| 8 | Volunteering activities | Introduction: Students leave school by bus to their nominated volunteer organisation to take part in 4 days volunteering.Activity: Students undertake identified suitable volunteering activities on site with host volunteering organisation.**Conclusion**: Each group participates in new experiences outside their comfort zone and normal routines. **Homework**: Students write a daily reflection in their journal about the volunteering experience. | * Bus
* Consent forms
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| 8 | Reflection day | Introduction: After volunteering, students share and reflect on what they accomplished and how their service made a difference. **Activity**: Students hand -in reflection journals and are given work time to participate in reflection/ appreciation activities. May include:* team building games
* making thank you cards and jigsaw puzzles
* post volunteering survey
* feedback on the program

**Conclusion**: Participating in activities acts as a reminder of the experience and is a great way to help them think through the experience, and keep them volunteering for life.  | * Post-it notes
* Writing implements
* Cards
* Jigsaw puzzles
* Feedback sheets
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