



## Youth Frontiers

Sometimes all it takes is one passionate person to change a life. Youth Frontiers is a NSW Government funded youth mentoring program for students in school between the ages of 12-16. It is designed to build the confidence, leadership skills and community connectedness of those involved. Crucial to the delivery of Youth Frontiers are volunteer mentors who contribute their unique skills, knowledge and life experience to help make a lasting difference to the lives of young people.

### Who is it For?

- Mentees who are school students between the ages of 12 and 16.
- Mentors who are volunteers from the local community.

To be a mentor, you need to:

- Connect easily with young people and have a passion for helping them develop and grow
- Be available to mentor a young person for 2 hours per week over a six month period, during school hours and on school premises
- Undergo a criminal history check, a NSW Working with Children's Check and supply referees

### How it Works

Mentors provide support and guidance to mentees aged between 12-16 across Western and South-Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains. As a volunteer mentor, you will work with a mentee to build their life skills and self-confidence and empower them to participate in a community engagement activity.

The program involves 35 hours of mentoring and runs for a period of six months each year. To become a mentor you will need to submit a simple expression of interest, attend an information session and once all checks and assessments are completed, participate in a half-day training session. You will then be matched with a mentee.

The matching process is based on shared interests and hobbies and includes a meet-and-greet session with your potential mentee. Once this has been completed, regular weekly one on one mentoring commences. In addition, MTC arranges group sessions for mentees and mentors which focus on life skills.



## How to Apply

If you're keen to make a difference and ready for a challenge, please send your resume and a brief expression of interest (1–2 paragraphs), outlining why you'd like to be a mentor, to [vacancies@mtcaustralia.com.au](mailto:vacancies@mtcaustralia.com.au).

At the end of six months, you and your mentee will be invited to a showcase ceremony to talk about your shared experiences and your community project. The best community projects will be submitted to the NSW Government for the statewide awards.

## Why Become a Youth Frontiers Mentor?

### ► Make a difference

As a mentor, you will help mentees feel more confident in themselves and become more connected to their community.

### ► Gain new skills

You will receive training and ongoing support from a Youth Frontier's Youth Advisor to become a skilled mentor.

### ► Give back to the community

Volunteering in the Youth Frontiers program is a chance to get involved in your local community, build new friendships and make a positive impact.

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## About MTC Australia

MTC Australia is a thriving social enterprise that provides pathways for people of all backgrounds and life stages to create new life opportunities. We offer high impact employment, learning and youth programs delivered from more than 20 locations across NSW. As a social enterprise, we reinvest surplus into innovative social impact initiatives that support and empower at-risk Australians.

MTC helps more than 20,000 people every year to build self-worth, gain skills for employment and entrepreneurship, and enable possibilities for transformative change.

Do you have a passion for helping young people realise their potential? Join MTC Australia's Youth Frontiers program and mentor a young person aged 12–16 to build confidence, skills and community connectedness.



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