



## PROJECT CARE WITH SUMMITCARE CANLEY VALE



PROJECT CARE is an aged and youth empowerment volunteer program and bridges the cultural and generational gap and promotes careers and volunteering in aged care and healthcare. Westfields Sports High School (WSHS) students volunteered to interact and support aged care residents who were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown restrictions. SummitCare and WSHS followed COVIDSafe practices and Influenza vaccination protocols to ensure a safe and memorable experience.



**6,480 HOURS  
VOLUNTEERED\***



**452 STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATED\***



**228 SESSIONS  
VISITED\***

*\*Figures included FUSION, a similar aged care partnership*

Project CARE is an aged and youth empowerment volunteer program for high school students. The program bridges the cultural and generational gap and promotes careers and volunteering in aged care and healthcare. Project CARE encourages, supports and increases participation in volunteering at an early age and assists students in making the transition from school to work while enhancing their employability skills.

Since the first FUSION / Project CARE session in 2014, over 410 students have taken part in the program from the following high schools: Westfields Sports High School, Canley Vale, Prairiewood,

Liverpool Boys, Miller Technology and Bossley Park. More than 200 aged care residents have benefited from the regular interaction with young people in the Project CARE program.

Funding for the majority of Project CARE programs has been made possible through the contribution of our local clubs and the NSW ClubGRANTS scheme. SWC would like to take the opportunity to thank Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, Fairfield RSL, Mounties Group, Club Marconi and St Johns Park Bowling Club for their ongoing support of this project that connects cultures & generations and provides employment pathways through volunteering in aged care.

STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS SPENDING QUALITY TIME TOGETHER DURING A PROJECT CARE SESSION

