



Project sparks reading

Volunteers assisting school literacy

SPARKING a love for reading is the hope behind a new mentoring program at Marrickville Public School.

NRMA Insurance staff are playing their part in improving literacy skills at the school by volunteering for the SPARK reading recovery program.

Working one-on-one with Year Two and Three students to improve their lit-

eracy and conversational skills and build their vocabulary, 20 NRMA Insurance staff will visit Marrickville Public School once a week over the next two school terms.

Volunteer Tanya Schalchlin said SPARK is designed to not only help students with their literacy skills

but increase their

confidence and self esteem.

"This is not the sort of opportunity you'd usually get in the corporate world so I jumped at the chance to get involved," she said.

"I'm looking forward to spending quality time with

my 'buddy' and if I can make a small difference to their reading, then it will be worth it.

Marrickville Public School principal Kerry Chambers said it was fantastic that the school and business could come together to help our students

reach their potential.

"We are very grateful to the volunteers from NRMA Insurance for being such involved community members," she said.

The program was designed and developed by Ash-

croft Public School

and the Australian Business Community Network, a group of national business leaders creating positive social change through programs that engage students, educators and business people.



NRMA volunteers with Marrickville students.