

**Volunteer Tutor Scheme Overview**

**Background**

For a non-English speaking migrant or refugee, coming to Australia, with no understanding of our language or culture, can be a daunting experience and can lead to a feeling of isolation from the community.  The Navitas Volunteer Tutor Scheme’s students come from all over the world: China, Europe, South America, Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, India, South Korea, Vietnam and Myanmar, to name but a few.

**Purpose**

The Navitas Volunteer Tutor Scheme (VTS) exists to help those people who have difficulty attending class and making satisfactory use of the [Adult Migrant English Program](http://cit.edu.au/languages/adult_migrant_english_program) – AMEP. Some people find it difficult to leave their homes because of family commitments, illness, transport difficulties, shift work or perhaps a lack of confidence. Since they cannot go to classes, the scheme takes learning and opportunities for social contact to them. A few are attending class but special circumstances warrant that they also have a tutor or they may be waitlisted for class but anxious to start learning English to help them settle in.

**Training and Support**

The VTS Coordinator provides volunteer home tutors with 16 hours of free training, on-going support and resources.  
The VTS coordinator is available at any time to discuss the progress of a tutor and student and to offer support or advice. Regular meetings are held for tutors and a VTS news update is emailed at regular intervals.

**Volunteer Tutoring**  
Further information on volunteer tutoring is available by contacting Marcella, the Volunteer Tutor Scheme coordinator on Phone: 9707 0264 or email to: volunteertutor@navitas-english.com.au

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