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Ausgrid leads life-saving lessons as Electricity Safety Week begins

More than 100 Ausgrid volunteers will be visiting schools across Greater Sydney and the Hunter region this week to teach kids life-saving lessons about electricity.

810 primary schools have signed up for Ausgrid's Electricity Safety Week program which provides access to online and in-person presentations as well as a range of learning materials, including interactive lessons, learning booklets and for the first time this year, a coding game for students.

Ausgrid Group Executive of Safety, Delivery and Operations, Sam Sofi said, Electricity Safety Week is an invaluable opportunity to provide our youngest with the knowledge and understanding that saves lives.

"It's great to see 94 per cent of primary schools in the Ausgrid network registering to take part in Electricity Safety Week. We are really excited to talk to the kids about electricity including how it works, how it's used and most importantly, how to stay safe around it," Mr Sofi said.

"This year we've introduced a coding game for students, putting the power of learning in their hands. It's a great way for them to learn about electricity safety and have fun at the same time."

Electricity Safety Week runs from Monday 4 to Friday 8 September. Running for over 20 years, the program was pioneered by Ausgrid with other electricity distributors across the country supporting the delivery of this life saving initiative.

Ausgrid Electrical Apprentice, Claire Campbell, who is volunteering for Electricity Safety Week for the first time this year, said teaching children about electricity safety is essential.

"Safety is at the front of our minds every day at Ausgrid, and we are eager to pass-on what we know about dangerous hazards like fallen power lines and overloaded power points, so that these students can know what to do if they see one."

"Being able to talk to kids about electricity safety is such a rewarding experience, giving them the knowledge that they can then share with others."

Ausgrid has also partnered with DART Learning to provide a video tutorial for students learning from home or in remote and rural parts of our network area.

You can find out more information, and access Electricity Safety Week learning materials, at: www.ausgrid.com.au/electricitysafetyweek.