

The Network Node Cards

These cards are designed for the String Web / Network Simulation Activity. Each card represents a “node” in the social system connected to donation. They are written in simple, clear language appropriate for ages 13–14, while still conveying meaningful roles in the ripple effect.

SET 1 – CORE NODES

1. The Donor

The person who made the choice to register or share their wishes. Their action begins the entire ripple effect.

2. Recipient A – Heart Recipient

Their life and health improve. They regain strength and can participate in life again.

3. Recipient B – Kidney Recipient

They gain freedom from dialysis and reclaim hours of their week and energy.

4. Recipient C – Cornea Recipient

Their sight returns, allowing them to learn, work, and connect more fully.



SET 2 — SUPPORT TEAM NODES

5. Transplant Surgeon

Performs the operation that makes the gift possible. Their skills directly impact lives.

6. ICU Nurse

Provides care, support, and stability for recipients and donor families.

7. Transplant Coordinator

Organises timing, logistics, and communication between teams.



SET 3 — FAMILY & COMMUNITY NODES

8. Donor's Family

Honours their loved one's choice and helps activate the donor's gift.

9. Recipient's Parent / Guardian

Feels relief, hope, and gratitude as their child recovers.

10. Best Friend of a Recipient

Sees their friend return to school, sport, and daily life.

11. Teacher / Coach

Supports the student's reintegration into daily activities.

12. Classmates / Teammates

Experience the ripple when their friend regains energy, presence, and participation.



SET 4 – WIDER NETWORK NODES

13. Hospital Social Worker

Supports families emotionally and helps them navigate the process.

14. Scientist / Researcher

Works on improving transplantation and long-term outcomes.

15. Community Member

Learns about donation through the ripple effect and may choose to register.

16. Future Recipient (Waitlist)

Feels renewed hope when they see successful transplant outcomes.



SET 5 – SYSTEM NODES

17. DonateLife Representative

Supports education, registration, and awareness in the community.

18. Ethical Advisor / Legislator

Ensures Australia's donation system remains fair, safe, and transparent.

19. Media / Storytelling Platform

Helps spread positive stories that influence public understanding.

