Adelaide West
Special Education Centre
Statewide Outreach Service

The program supports educators to enable learners with a physical disability and learners with complex communication needs to access, participate and engage in the school curriculum. This is achieved by:

- Facilitating successful integration of learners into schools and preschools through the development of an educational program best suited to their needs
- Improving the learning outcomes for students with physical and associated disabilities
- Ensuring inclusive practices are occurring enabling learners to become fully participating members of the school and pre-school community
- Informing school staff about specific disabilities and their impact on learning

Program Support
Advice is provided to schools in curriculum adaption:

- Formulating achievable, learning goals
- Incorporating the learners’ therapy goals into the class program
- Adapting teaching strategies to support curriculum delivery
- Providing support in the use of specialised equipment including Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices, computer access and technological aids
- Teaching support for learners with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
- Modifying physical education programs
- Complex Communication Needs and Emerging Technology (CCNet)
- Mobility Opportunities Via Education (MOVE) program

Professional Development
The Adelaide West Statewide Outreach Service responds to needs and plans professional development accordingly for groups or individuals about:

- Inclusion and integration
- Educational, medical and social implications of specific disabilities
- Curriculum modification and adaption
- Disability awareness
- The role of support staff

Disability Awareness for Class Groups
Lessons aim to raise the awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by students with disabilities. Although general in nature, lessons are tailored to suit different age groups and the disability being catered for. Lessons involve both discussions and activities.

Assistance with Transition
The Statewide Outreach Service provides advice to families and teachers about transition of students between all levels of schooling. This includes supporting families and staff to identify suitable sites, access issues and the induction of staff at the new site.

On-Going Support
On request, the Statewide Outreach Service provides ongoing support for staff during transition, medical changes, growth and development of the learner. This includes continual evaluation, review, setting of individual goals and addressing issues that may arise.

Criteria for Support
Preschools and schools are eligible for support from the Statewide Outreach Service for learners with physical, sensory, intellectual and associated disabilities, and learners with Complex Communication Needs, including Acquired Brain Injury.

The Referral Process
The Statewide Outreach Service can be approached for support by a school Principal or preschool Director or their nominee. Contact may also be facilitated by The department for Education and Child Development Support Services, Novita.
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A Specialist School for
Students with Physical and
Associated Disabilities.

Feedback

"Outreach staff worked with us in a very supportive manner and enabled us to provide a much better program for our students."

John Kitsi
Cowandilla Primary School.

"The service was fantastic. We were able to problem solve adaptions to the curriculum for the student with a disability as well as consider ideas for the whole class, Thank you."

Rachel Shephard-Bayly.
Parafiel Gardens R-7 School.

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