

Review of the Program for Students with Disabilities

A review of the Program for Students with Disabilities began in July 2015.

About the review

The review focuses on the transition from primary to secondary school and the specific needs of students with autism and dyslexia.

The review is being informed by research, expert input, stakeholder engagement and a comprehensive analysis of the effectiveness of the program. It will ensure support and resourcing is sustainable and delivers improved learning and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people with disabilities.

The review is intended to increase the capacity of Government schools to support and maximise the learning of children with a disability using a family friendly, strength-based approach.

The Program for Students Disabilities review will investigate:

- the needs of children with a disability, in particular, children with autism and dyslexia
- how to improve the way the program enables schools to support students with disabilities
- the needs of children with a disability in the transition from primary to secondary schooling
- how the program can support schools to be more inclusive

How you can get involved

The Department welcomes feedback from parents, carers, students, principals, teachers and disability professionals and advocates on how the program can better support children with special needs. The opportunities for getting involved are below.

In-person consultations

- Renowned human rights practitioner, Dr Graeme Innes, will facilitate consultations with peak industry bodies, principal and teacher associations, disability advocates and unions.
- Consultations commenced in July 2015.

Open consultation

Parents, carers, students (past and present), principals, teachers, disability professionals and advocates are invited to share with us your thoughts on how we can maximise the learning of students with disabilities.

Email your recommendations to the review team at: psd.review@edumail.vic.gov.au

Or mail your suggestions to:

PSD Review

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Contributions close on Friday 11 September 2015.

Online survey

In September, you can take our online survey to tell us how we can improve the Program for Students with Disabilities. An online survey will be available here from September and is open to principals, teachers, parents, students and all other members of the public.(google or search in Education Victoria)