

Student Support Group (SSG) meetings

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Contact **ONE** of the following:



Principal or Assistant

Principal

Inclusive Education

Learning Specialist

Year Level Coordinator

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Example script:

I am very concerned about my child's performance in Yr 9 English and the recent Naplan. They really struggle understanding and complete written tasks which involve analysis and critical thinking. They also struggle with the worded questions in Maths.

With a diagnosis of autism (level 2) and dysgraphia - these tasks are going to get more difficult next year. I would like to meet with you some discuss some reasonable adjustments that could be used to support their learning. Maybe we could invite their [OT, speech therapist, psychologist] to the meeting. They will be able to provide insight about ways we can support specific learning needs.



Who can participate in an SSG meeting?

An SSG is a partnership between schools, parents/carers, the student and service agencies.

The group works together to plan and support the educational, health, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of students with diverse learning needs.

All parties can request a SSG meeting.

Students who are eligible:

- With a disability (eg autism, Intellectual disability) or additional learning needs.
- Who live in out-of-home care (OoHC).
- Who have a behaviour support plan.
- Who attend two schools (for example, a mainstream and a specialist school).
- Who are identified as young carers.

Website link:

education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-support-groups/policy

Purpose of an SSG meeting:

- Develop.
- Implement your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

An Individual Education Plan:

- Outlines clear educational goals for your child.
- Encourages your child to be involved and have a voice.
- Has a strengths-based with a focus – what are they good at.
- Supports cultural needs and safety.
- Is flexible and future orientated.
- Includes short-term goals that will lead to the achievement of long-term goals.
- Communicates individual and shared responsibilities – who will do what task.
- Includes a record of important decisions, actions and student progress.
- It is reviewed regularly – timeline is approved by all members of the SSG.
- An SSG should be held at least once per term for students supported under individualised disability funding programs including the PSD and Disability Inclusion.

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Who can request a Student Support Group meeting?

Carers, guardians, the school, the student and service agencies can all request an SSG meeting.

According to Education policy a SSG is mandatory for students in the Program for Students with a Disability (PSD) – Autism Spectrum Disorder is a listed (PSD) category.

- A diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.
- Significant deficits in adaptive behaviour established at a composite score of two standard deviations or more below the mean on an approved standardised test of adaptive behaviours.
- Significant deficits in language skills established by a comprehensive speech pathology assessment demonstrating a composite score of two standard.

Requirements for a Student support Group Meeting (SSG)

- Schools must establish a Student Support Group (SSG) for students supported by the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) or Disability Inclusion.
- Schools must establish an SSG for every child and young person in out-of-home care (OoHC).
- An SSG is strongly encouraged for any student with diverse learning needs.
- Schools must provide support for students at risk of attendance or behaviour related issues.
- An SSG may assist a school to provide appropriate and effective support.

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