

Education Support Services

Education Support Services aims to cater for students with a diversity of needs to achieve educational goals. The goal of the Education Support Services team is to work collaboratively with teaching staff, parents and specialist staff to provide a learning setting that acknowledges and supports individual needs through focused and targeted teaching. This includes LNSLN¹ funded students, students that are gifted and talented and non LNSLN funded students who have difficulty accessing the mainstream curriculum.

Support is provided in a number of ways:

- Assessment to identify specific strengths and weaknesses.
- Planning appropriate learning programs and interventions based on assessment information, in partnership with subject teachers.
- Additional classroom assistance in the form of team teaching, or teacher aide support.
- Consultation with students, families and subject teachers about subject options and choices.
- Facilitating consistent and effective communication between parents, teachers and students regarding ongoing learning goals.
- Monitoring the progress of students with individual needs across all subject areas and year levels.

When necessary, the Education Support team may refer to a broad range of educational and health professionals to assist with diagnosis and planning. For example:

- Catholic Education Office, Student Services (curriculum advisers, speech therapists, visiting teachers, educational psychologists)

Each LNSLN student has a Program Support Group to identify the needs of the student and how best to meet those individual needs. The PSG group will meet at least three times per year to identify educational, physical and social objectives for the student. Advice will be provided on an appropriate Individual Learning Program and strategies for implementation.

1:1 study sessions and work in the Education Support Resource area in place of LOTE are offered to some students who need extra support. These classes help students with organisation, study skills, literacy development, building confidence in their individual strengths and abilities and promoting independence in their studies.

Education Support Services offers study sessions in the library on regular evenings after school. These sessions are facilitated by the integration aides and assist students in completing their assigned coursework, homework and catching up on any work missed. Both LNSLN funded and non LNSLN funded students may be recommended for these classes.

Students undertaking VCE or VCAL will continue to receive levels of support depending upon the individual student's needs. In most cases, this is normally in the form of a VCE or VCAL Support group and Friday afternoon sessions in the Education Support Resource Centre.

¹ LNSLN is the schools funding for *Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Commonwealth Program*, formerly known as Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes (SAISO)