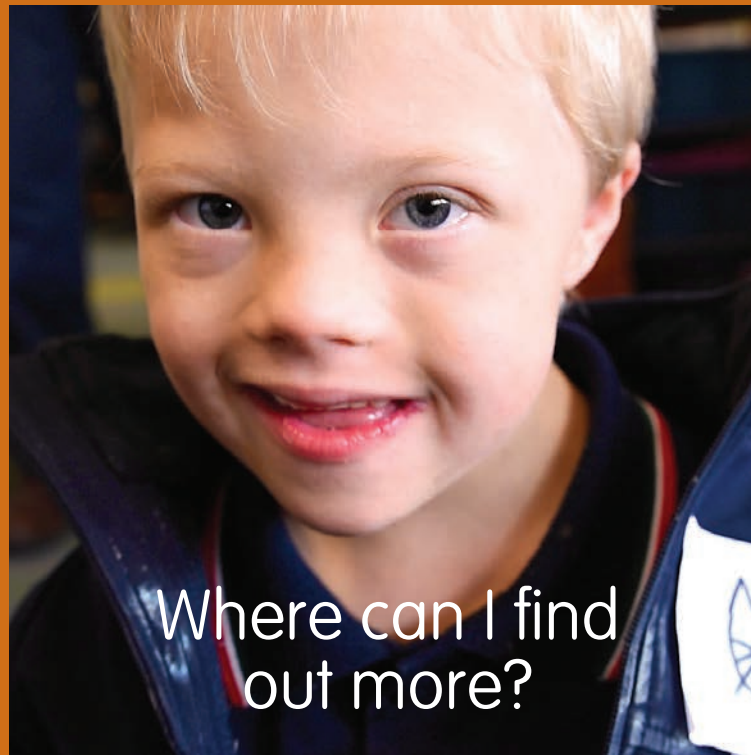


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ESS includes:

1. Three school visits (or 9 hours) per year
2. Email & phone consultation as required
3. Use of specialist ESS classroom resources
4. Assistance in a range of areas such as:
 - Curriculum modification
 - Goal setting
 - Demonstration teaching
 - Positive behaviour development
 - Assistance at SSG / strategy sessions
 - Assistance sourcing specialist resources
 - Assistance with individual learning plan development.
5. Subscription to the Journal, a valued resource
6. Use of the Down Syndrome Victoria resource library
7. Reduced rates at Down Syndrome Victoria professional development events
8. Reduced price on Down Syndrome Victoria materials and publications
9. Copy of *Enabled Learning*, and *Down Syndrome Today*.



Where can I find out more?



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Individual Support

Down Syndrome Education Support Service (ESS) is a classroom based support service for teachers providing practical assistance and resources, improving learning outcomes for students with Down syndrome and their classmates.

Collaboration

The approach taken is always collaborative; the teacher is the expert in the individual classroom, whereas Down Syndrome Victoria has extensive expertise supporting students with Down syndrome. Although no two students with Down syndrome are alike, there are a range of teaching strategies and resources which have proven successful in meeting specific needs. The ESS consultant works alongside the teacher to identify the resources and strategies that will best suit the particular needs of their student, the teaching style of the teacher, and the culture of the classroom.

Inclusion

Lack of previous experience with students with Down syndrome may highlight the need for curriculum modifications. Many teachers may feel apprehensive or overwhelmed when faced with catering for a child with Down syndrome in their classroom. However, most teachers later report that addressing the learning needs of the student with Down syndrome proved to be less daunting than they had expected, and that in doing so other children in the classroom also benefited.

Best Practice

International research consistently demonstrates that the strategies developed and implemented to assist students with additional needs benefit a broad range of learners in the classroom.

Equity

Down Syndrome Victoria is a community association made up of people with Down syndrome, their families and supporters. Down Syndrome Victoria has made the Down Syndrome Education Support Service accessible to all Victorian schools by assigning a standard state-wide subscription fee. The service receives no ongoing government funding and community fundraising covers the significant travel and accommodation costs involved in delivering the service state-wide.

This service is of maximum benefit when the family of the supported student are members of Down Syndrome Victoria.

Down Syndrome Victoria offers a range of additional education services including:

- Workshops for parents
- Individual consultancy
- Transition programs
- Professional development programs

