

Education Support Service

Down Syndrome Victoria is committed to ensuring that schools supporting students with diverse needs and learning styles have access to strategies, resources and support.

What is the Education Support Service?

**2013 recipient National Disability Award:
"Excellence in Improving Education Outcomes"**

The Down Syndrome Victoria (DSV) Education Support Service is the only Visiting Teacher Service available for students with an intellectual disability in Victoria.

The Education Support Service provides practical support to educators, students and their families, particularly during periods of transition and change.

Why engage the Education Support Service?

Inclusive educational environments facilitate a better quality education for all children, and are instrumental in changing discriminatory attitudes.

The Education Support Service provides specialist information that will assist your school to deliver appropriate pedagogy and curriculum to students with Down syndrome. The Education Support Service will contribute to the strengthening of partnerships between the parents of children with Down syndrome and their school community.

What supports will you receive?

Through three school visits (nine hours in total) over the year, email/phone consultation as required and use of specialist classroom resources, the Education Support Service can provide:

- Demonstration teaching
- Sourcing of specialist resources
- Assistance at SSG/strategy sessions
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Curriculum modification
- Individual learning plan development
- Professional development sessions

The ESS consultant will collaborate with you to meet the specific needs of your school and student.



Positions are limited and will be filled in order of receipt of registration

Please complete and return the form included as soon as possible.



Education Support Service Registration Form

DSV is able to offer subsidised and fee paying places for the DSV Education Support Service (ESS).

The Department of Education and Training (DET) funds a limited number of ESS places for students transitioning within mainstream government schools who are current financial members of DSV. DSV can provide a limited number of additional ESS places once these places are filled and for all other students, for an annual fee of \$1800.

Student name:

Year Level 2020: Name of school:

School Principal: Contact at school:

Position of contact at school:

School telephone number:

School email address:

School address:

School is:

Government school Independent Catholic Mainstream Specialist

Is the school a current financial member of DSV?

Yes No (DSV will email you a membership form)

In 2020 the student will be in:

Prep/Foundation year Year 6 Final year of secondary school Transitioning to a new school environment

Our school is/will become a current financial member of DSV, is a government mainstream school, and we have a student undergoing one of the above transitions. In the event that all DET subsidised places are filled, we wish to express our interest in subscribing to the ESS in 2020. We understand that the cost is \$1,800 and that we will be expected to make full payment upon receipt of the invoice. (Please note that DSV will contact schools who do not receive a subsidised position, to discuss and confirm if you wish to proceed with a fee paying position)

We do not meet criteria for a subsidised place but wish to subscribe to the ESS in 2020. We agree to incur the cost of \$1800 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice.

We wish to subscribe for a one-off three hour visit. We agree to incur the cost of \$600 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice.

Parent/Guardian Authorisation

Please note applications cannot be processed without parental consent and agreement.

Name:

Address:

Telephone: Email:

I agree to DSV providing the ESS to my child:

Signed: Date:

Positions are limited and will be filled in order of receipt of registration. Please complete and return to:

Email: info@dsav.asn.au (subject line 'ESS registration')

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