



School Services

Special Education Support

The school supports students with learning difficulties through the provision of Support Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Parent Tutors and Peer Tutors.

All students are involved in the mainstream and withdrawn when it is necessary for targeted intervention or support. Programs include Bridges, ITAS, The Lounge, Motor Skills, Literacy and Numeracy Support. Support Teachers and Teacher Assistants work within regular classrooms as far as possible. Staff cater for the individual needs and abilities of students, utilise the expertise of the Support and Special Education staff to assist in the preparation of Individual Education Programs if required.

Alternative Programs

The School has a close working relationship with a number of support agencies in the New Norfolk area. In particular, Mission Australia and the Salvation Army work closely to support "At Risk" students and families.

We also access Alternative Education resources and programs through our heavy involvement with the RAFT (Real Action Future Thinking) project. This Project matches students with Coaches, Mentors, Interest and Hobby Groups. It also provides alternative education options through the linking and alignment of youth services in, around and out of the Derwent Valley.

School Psychologist

A School Psychologist is available three days a fortnight to support students and families with any problems that arise. In 2012 our School Psychologist is Sally Cooper and she can be contacted through the school office. Referrals can also be arranged through members of the teaching staff.

Social Worker

A Social Worker is available one day a week (Mondays) to support students and families with any problems that arise. In 2012 our Social Worker is Jacquie Bostock and she can be contacted through the school office. Referrals can also be arranged through members of the teaching staff.

Speech Pathologist

A Speech Pathologist is available two days a week (Tuesdays and Fridays) to support students and families with any speech problems that arise or are evident. In 2012 our Speech Pathologist is Ngiare Elliot and she can be contacted through the school office. Referrals can also be arranged through members of the teaching staff. Ngiare also has a specific role in our Little Learners Program.

Chaplain

We are currently awaiting information to ascertain if we have been successful in obtaining the services of a School Chaplain. If successful we will have a Chaplain available four days a fortnight to help students and parents with any emotional or social problems that may arise. The School Chaplain will also run a number of social activities with students.

Once we have more information we will be asking interested parents to become involved in the school's Chaplaincy Committee which will meet approximately every six weeks.