

Welcome to Our School

The Purpose of this Information System

This handbook is designed to guide all staff members through the essential information, expectations, and procedures relevant to working in our school. It aims to foster a shared understanding, support a consistent approach, and promote a safe and inclusive environment for all.

For Whom?

All teaching and non-teaching staff, relief staff, volunteers and contractors.

School Overview

Our school is a vibrant learning community dedicated to providing high-quality education for students with a diverse range of disabilities, where all students present with features of intellectual disability and a high percentage have been diagnosed on the autistic spectrum. Significant numbers of students present with a range of other support needs including hearing impairment, vision impairment, physical impairment, acquired brain injury, and/or medical and specialist health support needs.

Our Shared Vision

Each student realises their positive future.

Our Mission

As a proud state special school, we respect, protect and promote human rights to foster educational excellence for students' life quality. Through expertise and commitment, we guide each student into their potential and to find satisfaction through learning and life experiences. We thrive in creating new opportunities for excellence and being ready to navigate disruption.

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the Darling Point Special School squad where together we make a difference, every day. We share key roles in shaping the lives and futures of our students.

We are a family oriented independent public special school with dedicated, professional staff who work with students with disabilities and their families to achieve the best possible educational and life quality outcomes. We are proud to be part of the Queensland Department of Education, serving as public servants within the Queensland government in Australia.

Our school has a strong community and educational reputation with a long history of achievements include winning the education Queensland secondary schools state showcase award for enterprise initiatives in 2004, winning along with the Wynnum Manly State Schools Alliance a state Showcase Award for Leadership in 2012, and a negotiating a wide range of industry and university partnerships. We have won apple distinguished school recognition, a state government multicultural award and celebrated with two teachers, Angela Niven and Megan Turley, in them winning National Excellence in Teaching awards. Darling Point Special School is recognised internationally for quality implementation with fidelity of positive behaviour support and multi-element behaviour support and boasts a significant number of staff having completed training in these methods and several staff including all current school leaders having completed intensive training and certification through the Institute for Applied Behaviour Analysis in California.

We recognise that whilst teams win games, squads win championships. Each staff member plays a vital role in fostering values-based leadership, creating a caring, respectful and stimulating environment where every student can thrive. This is a school where we honour the premise of 'whatever it takes' for us to achieve our goals and targets, to maximise everyone's well-being and learning, and further enhance our school's positive reputation and contribution to the lives of students, families, each other and ourselves. As you read this handbook and integrate into our culture, it is our hope that you hold our shared values near and dear, that you embrace our positive behaviour support philosophies and methods, incorporate neuroscience principles within your work and relationships, and foster students' academic and personal and social capabilities, achievements and outcomes.

Your professionalism, collaboration and dedication will make a real difference in our students' lives. We look forward to working with you.

Warm regards in service of our dedicated staff, and children and youth with disabilities and their families.
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