

Autism Education Strategy

The Department of Education and Training



Easy English



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

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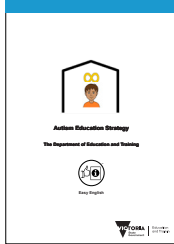
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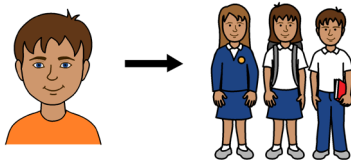
About this book



This book is from the Department of Education and Training.



This book is about our **Autism Education Strategy**.



Our Autism Education Strategy is our plan to

- include autistic students in schools



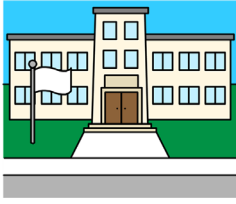
- teach autistic students in ways that work for them



- focus on the strengths of autistic students.

We will call it the strategy.

There are 6 areas in the strategy



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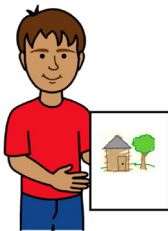
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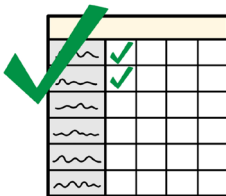
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4 We will help schools understand how to support autistic student health and wellbeing.

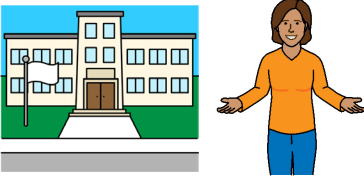


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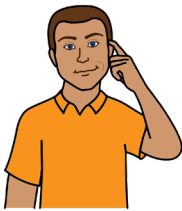
6 We will build ways to track autistic student progress.

1 We will help schools celebrate autism inclusion



We will help

- schools welcome autistic students



- teachers understand autism better.

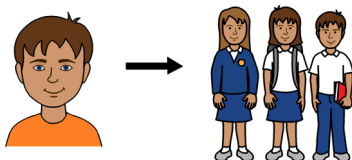


We will have success when

- autistic students feel more connected to their school



- families of autistic students see their child is welcomed and valued at their school



- schools are inclusive and positive places for autistic students.

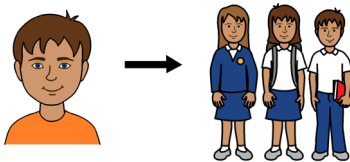
2 We will help teachers get better skills to teach autistic students

We will make sure teachers understand **inclusive education**.



Inclusive education means everyone can be an important part of learning.

We will make sure teachers understand **autism inclusion**.



Autism inclusion means autistic people belong and can join in.

We will make sure teachers understand what the **laws** say schools have to do for autistic students.



Laws are the rules that everyone must follow.



We will have success when

- teachers have more skills to give a better education to autistic students

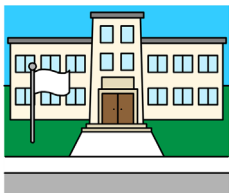


- autistic students have the support they need



- families see that teachers are supporting their child's needs and goals.

3 We will partner with others to plan autistic student education



We will build education plans for autistic students with the students and

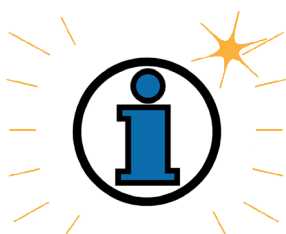
- their school



- their family

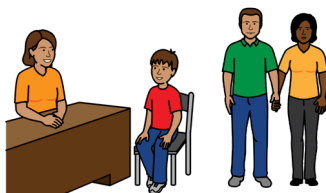


- other experts.



We will have success when

- teachers use new information for education plans



- students and their families are involved in education plans



- there are more ways for everyone to connect.

4 We will help schools understand how to support autistic student health and wellbeing.



We will provide programs for autistic students that will support

- social development



- emotional development



- positive behaviour



- good mental health.



We will have success when

- teachers know what students need



- students feel understood

- families know their child's needs are met.

5 We will help schools see autistic student strengths and meet their needs



We will help schools focus on autistic student strengths and needs.



We will help schools support autistic students to have the education that suits them best.



We will have success when

- teachers have the skills to help each student



- students can find programs that match their strengths



- programs meet the needs of each student

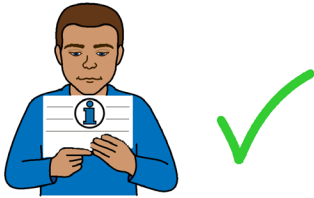


- families can help recognise student strengths.

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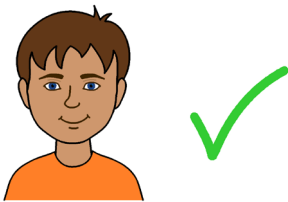


We will collect better information to build our understanding about things that work for autistic students.



We will have success when

- we have better information to help us understand what works



- schools are better places for autistic students to learn.

The Diverse Learners Hub



The Diverse Learners Hub will help deliver the strategy.



The Diverse Learners Hub will

- provide support for autistic students



- give the best advice to teachers of autistic students



- work with autism experts to get the most recent research

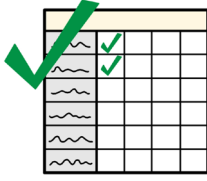


- provide coaching for school leaders



- provide online information that anyone can access.

We will check our work



To check we are doing a good job we will

- follow student progress



- check the programs at the Diverse Learners Hub



- talk to autism experts



- talk to students

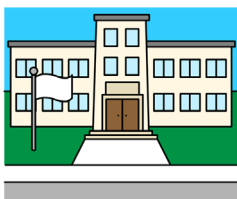


- talk to student families.

More information



There are different people you can contact for more information about Autism Strategy Education.



You can talk to

- your school

- a Regional Disability Coordinator.

Use our website to find a Regional Disability Coordinator at an office near you.



www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/pages/regions.aspx



You can send us an email if you have more questions.

disability.inclusion@education.vic.gov.au

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