

DISABILITY POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Parent Conference
25 September 2019



“A Different Kind of Brilliance”

You are invited to the 2019 Parent Conference for parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability on Wednesday 25th Sept 2019, hosted by the Department for Education.

The conference is an opportunity for families to hear inspiring speakers and attend workshops that will build their capacity and knowledge to support their children.

Sessions will cover complex communication, disability funding, senior secondary and transition, autism, interoception, dyslexia, strategies for school success and hearing from the Commissioner for Children and Young People on “listening to children”.

WHEN: Wednesday 25th September 2019

8:30 am	Registrations open
8:45-9:30	Pre conference workshop
9:45	Welcome, opening address and student performance
10:30	Keynote
11:15	Morning tea
11:35	Morning workshops
12:35	Lunch
1:15	Afternoon workshops
2:15-3:00 pm	Post conference Q&A session, and close

WHERE: Hilton Adelaide

Victoria Square, Adelaide

HOW: Register for the conference at <https://register.eventarc.net/e/43331>

If you have any queries please email Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au or contact the Special Education Resource Unit on (08) 8235 2871.

More information can be found at <http://web.seru.sa.edu.au/parent-forum/>

Lunch will be provided for registered participants.



PROGRAM

8:30 am **Registrations open**

8:45-9:30 **Pre conference workshop** (places are limited)

Inclusive Heart – Kerry Parker *Assistant Director, Disability and Learning*

In this workshop the questions: what is inclusion, where are we up to and what is next will be explored.

9:45 **Welcome**

Opening address

Student performance – Klemzig Primary School Signing Choir

10:30 **Keynote**

Recognising and harnessing your child's different kind of brilliance – Kirsty Russell *Parent, Positive Special Needs Parenting, Newcastle NSW*

11:15 **Morning tea**

11:35 **Morning workshops** (please select one)

Inclusive Education Support Program (IESP)

Julie Goldsworthy and Sophie Scott – *Senior Advisors, IESP*

The Department for Education is introducing a simpler approach to supporting mainstream preschool and school students with a disability. The Inclusive Education Support Program (IESP) replaces the previous preschool support and school support programs and has been redesigned through extensive consultation with parents, disability advocates, and school and preschool representatives. The session will provide basic information about this funding reform.

Augmentative and alternative communication for children with complex needs

Jennifer Young – *Adelaide West Statewide Outreach Service Teacher*, and
Rachel Scheuboeck – *Project Officer, Learning Difficulties*

This session will provide information about the range of Assistive Augmentative Communication (AAC) that are used in schools to support communication and curriculum access.

Listening to children

Helen Connolly – *Commissioner for Children and Young People*

Helen's role is to ensure that the rights and interests of children under the *United Nations Convention of Rights of the Child* is promoted.

Living a good autistic life

Wenn Lawson – *Senior Advisor, Complex Support*

An inspiring autistic speaker who works with the complex needs team to provide support to preschools and schools for complex needs children and students.



12:35 pm **Lunch**

1:15 **Afternoon workshops** (please select one)

How to prepare for difficult conversations

Kirsty Russell – *Parent, Positive Special Needs Parenting, Newcastle NSW*

This session will provide information about how to interact with school to get a positive outcome for your child.

Senior secondary and transition

Niki Baratosy and Annette Creer – *Senior Leaders, Transition Centre, Senior Secondary*

This session will share information about the transition centres, SACE completion, post school pathways and skills for independent living.

Interception at my school

Sally Slattery – *Principal, Hackam East Primary School*, and

Tanya Black – *School Services Officer, Hackam East Primary School*

During this session staff from Hackham East Primary School will share how they have implemented the Interception approach across the school and the impact this is having on students' self-regulation, behaviour and engagement in learning.

Dyslexia and how to help at home

Sandy Russo – *Director, SPELD*

This session will look at the problems encountered by students with dyslexia (all ages) and the ways in which they can be assisted.

2:15-3:00 **Post conference Q&A session and close**

Kerry Parker – *Assistant Director, Disability and Learning*

Q&A panel session.

Parking areas and public transport

ADELAIDE CBD PARKING – close proximity to Hilton Adelaide			
CARPARK		Walking Distance to venue	fees
Topham Mall	Enter off Waymouth St	7 min	Yes
Adelaide Central Market	Enter off Gouger St	3 min	Yes
Park on Franklin	Enter off Franklin St	5 min	Yes
Adelaide Central Bus Station	Enter off Grote St	5 min	Yes
Entertainment Centre	Enter off Adam Street or Port Road	<i>Tram to The Hilton (below)</i>	\$4 (Park 'n' Ride - 5am to 6.30pm)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT	
Tram (Hindmarsh to Glenelg, Glenelg to Hindmarsh) stops in Victoria Square opposite The Hilton	
Train (North Terrace)	15 min
Train/Tram combo: Train to North Terrace, Tram North Tce to Victoria Square & return	