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Education Disability Strategy

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Introduction

All children and young people with a disability have the right to a good education.

They have the right to be included at their local school.

Students with disability get the most out of school when they

- Feel welcome
- Have good teachers
- Have support from family
- Make friends

Some students with disability have a good experience at school.

Some students with disability do not have a good experience at school.

We want all students with disability to have a good experience at school.

This report

The government has made a plan to make schools better at including students with disability.

The plan is called the NSW Department of Education Disability Strategy.

This is an easy to read summary of the plan.

Vision – what we want

We want to make schools better at including students with disability.

We want students to:

- Learn
- Try new things
- Be with students their own age
- Be healthy
- Be safe
- Get the help they need

Why we need to change things

There are more students who need support.

We do not have enough special education teachers.

Schools are changing for example there are more students with Autism.

Some teachers need more help to teach students with disability.

There is not enough information about what works well for students with disability.

Plan for making change

There are 4 things we will do to make schools include students with disability better.

1. More Support

We need more teachers and support staff. We need more staff to know how to work with students with disability.

We will train teachers how to work with students with disability.

We will train schools in how to support students who have high support needs.

We will build better classrooms that help students learn.

2. More funding

Schools need more money to include students with disability better.

We need to let schools choose how they use the money.

We will try new ways of funding schools.

We will share stories about what is working well.

We will have a website that makes it easy for families, carers and teachers to connect and share ideas.

3. Improve the family experience

We need to support families of students with disability better.

Schools need help to work better with the NDIS, Health and other services.

We will make it easier to get support at school.

We will have information on a website for families and carers.

We will answer complaints quicker.

We will teach schools and community about disability.

4. Record changes

We need to know what works well for students with disability.

We will record students':

- learning
- health and wellbeing
- independence

We will do studies to find out what students with different disabilities need.

We will make changes if they are needed.

What success will look like?

We will know we have made things better when:

Students

- Feel welcome at their local school
- Get good support
- Are learning at school
- Are included in decisions about their education.

Families

- Are better included in the education and support their child gets.

Schools

- Have the money to support students well.

Teachers

- Find it easier to support students with disability well.

More information

Thank you to everyone who helped make this plan.

For more information about this plan

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Learning
Wellbeing
Independence