

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

- know what this book is about



- find more information.

About this book

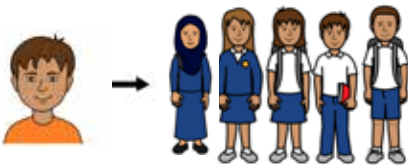


Education
and Training

This book is written by 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.

There are 6 areas in the strategy



1. Schools have a good attitude towards autism.



2. School leaders and staff have skills to meet the needs of autistic students.



3. Students, families and experts work together.



4. Schools focus on the health and wellbeing of autistic students.



5. Schools understand each autistic student and their needs.



6. There is more autism information to help schools and the community.

The Diverse Learners Hub

The Diverse Learners Hub will help schools understand and support autistic students.



25 **coaches** will work at the hub.

Coaches will be experts in

- autism
- **learning difficulties.**



Learning difficulties means students

- find it hard to learn at school
- need help to learn in different ways.



Help for teachers



We will make more **teacher scholarships** for teachers to learn about disability each year.



Teacher scholarships means teachers are paid to go to university to learn

- more about autism

- how to work with autistic students.



All teachers can do the Supporting Students with Autism program.



The program goes for 8 weeks and teachers learn new skills to work with autistic students.



Help for autistic students and their families

100 more government schools will do the **I CAN mentoring program**.

The I CAN mentoring program helps autistic students



- make friends

- feel good about themselves.



We also made new tools for schools.
For example, a video to stop bullying.



We will talk to autism organisations to help families and students work with schools.

We will talk to autism organisations such as

- Amaze
- Yellow Ladybugs.



To check we are doing a good job, we will talk to

- autism experts

- parents

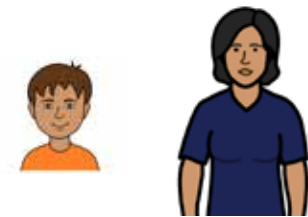


- students.

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____

How will our plan help your child?

The plan includes new steps for schools to work with autistic students in better ways.



Staff and students will get more help than before.



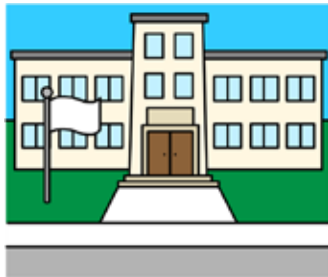
Ask your school leaders for more information about the plan.

You can ask how the plan will help autistic students and their families.



More information

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



You can talk to

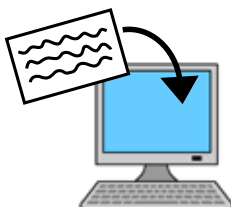
- your school

- 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

© Scope (Aust) Ltd. You may use this document for your own personal, non-commercial purposes only. You must not use the document for any other purpose and must not copy, reproduce, digitise, communicate, adapt or modify the document, or any part of it, (or authorise any other person to do so) without the prior consent of Scope (Aust) Ltd.

Scope's Communication and Inclusion Resource Centre

wrote the Easy English in November 2020. www.scopeaust.org.au

To see the original contact the Department of Education and Training.

The Picture Communication Symbols ©1981–2020 by Tobii Dynavox.

All Rights Reserved Worldwide. Used with permission. Boardmaker® is

a trademark of Tobii Dynavox.

