

Education Support Service

Down Syndrome Victoria is committed to ensuring that schools supporting students with diverse needs and learning styles have access to strategies, resources and support.

What is the Education Support Service?

The Down Syndrome Victoria (DSV) Education Support Service is the only Visiting Teacher Service available for students with an intellectual disability in Victoria.

Why engage the Education Support Service?

The service promotes an Inclusive educational environment facilitating a better quality education for all children, and is instrumental in changing discriminatory attitudes.

The Education Support Service provides practical support and specialist information to assist your school to deliver appropriate pedagogy and curriculum to students with Down syndrome particularly during periods of transition and change. The Education Support Service will contribute to the strengthening of partnerships between the parents of children with Down syndrome and their school community.

What supports will you receive

Over the course of three school visits (nine hours in total) across the year, the Education Support Service can provide:

• Specialist resources

and Training

- Curriculum modification
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Professional development sessions
- Assistance at Student Support meetings
- Email/phone consultation as required

The Department of Education (DE) funds a limited number of ESS places for students transitioning within mainstream government schools. For an annual fee of \$2400, DSV can provide the ESS to all other students. Contact DSV at education@dsav.asn.au for more details.

