

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.

The Department of Education (DE) funds a limited number of ESS places for students transitioning within mainstream government schools and are subscribers to DSV. DSV can provide a limited number of additional ESS places once these places are filled and for all other students for an annual fee of \$2,600.

What supports will you receive?

Up to three school visits or online consultations (nine hours) and ongoing phone/email support provided throughout the year. The DSV consultant will collaborate with you to meet the specific needs of your school and student.

The ESS can provide:

- Classroom support
- Sourcing of specialist resources
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Curriculum adjustment
- Professional development
- Assistance at SSG/PSG meetings

We are excited to share that from 2025 registration will provide access to the new DSV Education Platform, which includes resources, training modules, a Community of Practice and more.

Positions are limited and will be filled in order of receipt of registration. Please complete and return the following form as soon as possible.

Education Support Service Registration Form

DSV is able to offer subsidised and fee paying places for the DSV Education Support Service (ESS).

Student name:

Year level 2025: Name of school:

School principal: Contact at school:

Position of contact at school:

School telephone number:

School email:

School address:

Mainstream school is:

☐ Government ☐ Independent ☐ Catholic

If the student is in a transition year please provide the following details:

Preschool/School attending 2024:

Address:

Contact name: Position of Contact at school:

Phone: Email:

Eligibility for funded position:

☐ Final year of secondary school ☐ Transitioning to a new school ☐ Foundation year ☐ Year 7 ☐ Not previously assisted

Please tick the relevant option:

☐ Our school is a government mainstream school, and we are eligible for one of the above funded positions. We agree to incur the cost of \$160 subscription fee.

☐ We do not meet criteria for a funded place but wish to subscribe to the ESS. We agree to incur the cost of \$2,600 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice.

☐ We wish to subscribe to an ESS one-off three-hour visit. We agree to incur the cost of \$870 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice.

☐ We wish to subscribe to a one-hour professional development session. We agree to incur the cost of \$275 and to make full payment upon receipt of invoice.

Please note the Education Support Service expires at the end of the 2025 school year.

Parent/Guardian Authorisation

Please note applications cannot be processed without parental consent and agreement.

Name:

Address:

Telephone: Email:

I agree to DSV providing the ESS to my child:

Signed: Date:

Positions are limited and will be filled in order of receipt of registration. Please complete and return to:

Email: info@dsav.asn.au (subject line 'ESS registration')
Mail: 552 Victoria Street North Melbourne VIC 3051