School Options For Students With Additional Needs

Time To Enrol Your Child

For children entering Kindergarten with additional needs there are school options. Begin looking into these options the year prior to your child starting school and make contact with your local school by April/May, due to the application process for student placement.

Department of Education Options

Applications for placement are through the Access Request process. An Access Request is arranged by the school learning and support team at your local public school.
Families who have a child with a disability may be eligible for transport through the Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP).

SETTING	DETAILS
School for Specific Purposes	Dedicated schools established to provide specialist and intensive support for students with moderate to high learning and support needs. Schools for specific purposes (SSPs) support students with intellectual disability, mental health issues or autism, students with physical disability or sensory impairment, and students with learning difficulties or behaviour disorder. They cater for students from Kindergarten to Year 12.
Support Class	Support classes are located in many mainstream primary schools and high schools across NSW. Support classes in schools have fewer students than mainstream classes and every class has a full time School Learning Support Officer (SLSO). Support classes cater for students with moderate to high learning and support needs including students with: • intellectual disability • mental health issues • autism • physical disability • sensory impairment • behaviour disorders. Support class teachers consult with parents, carers and allied health professionals to develop personalised learning and support for each student.
Integration Funding Support in a Mainstream Classroom	Integration Funding Support helps schools to provide adjustments for students with disability in mainstream classes who have moderate to high learning and support needs. Funding is used for additional teachers and school learning support officers to assist with personalised learning and support for students in their own classrooms.

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Other Schooling Option (Independent/Catholic Schools)

NAME	LOCATION	DETAILS
ASPECT Western Sydney Satellite Classes 8786 3000 Classes for ASD students.	295 Victoria St, Wetherill Park 2164	Satellite classes at Richmond PS, Our Lady of the Nativity Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, St Monica's Primary School, St Patricks Primary School and St Thomas Aquinas School
Giant Steps 9879 4971	23 Punt Rd, Gladesville 2111	K-12 school for children with ASD
MUSEC School for Children with Special Education Needs 9850 8691	Macquarie University 14 First Walk, Macquarie Park 2109	Research-based special school for children from K-6 with disability including mild or moderate intellectual disability, ASD, or language disability
New Hope Christian School on the grounds of Pacific Hills Christian School 9651 0700	9-15 Quarry Rd, Dural 2158	Caters for students with a mild to moderate level of Intellectual delay and/or ASD. Currently Year 1-6. Kindergarten opening in 2024
NextSense Schools - Spoken Language Program Sign Bilingual Program Blind and Deafblind 1300 581 391	361-365 N Rocks Rd, North Rocks 2151	K-12 for students who are deaf, blind or have vision loss and a level of intellectual impairment
Ngarra Christian School 8889 4600	Onsite of Norwest Christian College 33 Regent St, Riverstone 2765	Have two classes K-2 and 3-5 for students with mild to moderate autistic learning needs and/or mild to moderate intellectual learning needs
St Gabriel's School 9634 2367	190 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill 2154	Catholic special school for K-6 for students with mild to moderate intellectual disability, who are deaf or hard of hearing; blind or have low vision; have ASD and other disabilities
St Lucy's School 9487 1277	21 Cleveland St, Wahroonga 2076	Catholic special K-12 school for children with disabilities
St Luke's Arrunga School 9854 3100	Northbourne Dr/Frontier Ave, Marsden Park 2765	High needs learning centre for K-8 students
Warrah Specialist School 9651 2411	20 Harris Rd, Dural 2158	Provides individualised education based on the Steiner philosophy for children with ASD for K-12.
Woodbury Autism Education & Research 9639 6152	Building 11 Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills 2153	Special education service for children with a diagnosis of ASD in K-6
Wycliffe Christian School operates the Hope School 4753 6422	133 Rickard Rd, Warrimoo 2774	A K-12 Christian learning community with the specific focus of catering for students with mild to moderate ASD or moderate intellectual learning needs