Introduction

South Gippsland Specialist School is located on the Leongatha Educational Precinct. The school community is committed to providing high quality educational opportunities for students aged between 6 and 18 years of age who have been diagnosed with an Intellectual Disability so that they become empowered members of their community.

S.G.S.S. operate within a strong framework of values and behaviours based on Respect, Learning, Safety, Teamwork and Social Justice.

Our school was purpose built to accommodate a variety of different needs. It has some fantastic resources for teaching and learning, some of which include a hydrotherapy pool, multipurpose hall, extensive fruit and vegetable gardens, chicken coop, multimedia room, generous sized classrooms and a café style kitchen that opens up to an outdoor alfresco setting.

Curriculum

Our school provides a broad curriculum that is designed to foster opportunities for students to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally. Student progress is assessed using the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and pre V.E.L.S. using the ABLES framework designed for reporting progress of students with additional learning needs.

Our dedicated staff adopt a flexible approach to teaching and learning bringing with them a variety of skills, interests and experiences to enhance programs. There is a strong commitment to the development of the whole child and we are sensitive to individual student abilities and circumstances. Our supportive environment encourages students to be enthusiastic learners. Our broad curriculum aims to encourage our students to function independently and cooperatively within the school and local community maximising potential in all areas of development.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of programs that allow them to have an enriched experience throughout their years at our school.

Some of these programs include Literacy, Numeracy, Communication, Art, Science, P.E., Sport, Swimming, Music, ICT, Kitchen Garden, Life Skills, Sensory, Community Access and Work Experience.

Staff

Student to staff ratios are kept small to support individual student learning needs. Every classroom has a minimum of one teacher and one education support worker. Where possible, our school employs teaching staff who have completed or are studying their special education qualification and our education support staff have completed or are undertaking disability studies. Specialist services are implemented into the student’s programs include speech, Occupational therapy and physiotherapy. These specialist services work closely with our teaching staff to support students individual education programs ensuring that realistic and achievable goals are set and consistent strategies are developed, implemented and reviewed to allow students the opportunity to experience success.

Senior VCAL Program

The school runs the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) at foundation level, over three years and has an extensive work experience program for senior students. Where possible, students are encouraged to gain a School Based Apprenticeship. GippsTAFE and Community Centre Gippsland are within walking distance from the school allowing students to access a range of Vocational Training opportunities.

Community Engagement

South Gippsland Specialist School fosters the involvement of the wider school community in its programs and activities. We value the partnerships between home and school and work intensively with our students to assist them in understanding their role as community members.

Volunteers can enrich the learning experiences of students and make a difference to the school community. We welcome enthusiastic persons interested in this role.

Student Welfare

Ensuring your child is happy and safe at school is important. The South Gippsland Specialist School community is committed to providing a safe, caring and positive environment where student and parent concerns are listened to, discussed and followed up.

We believe strongly in the teaching of social skills to establish, maintain and develop positive social relationships. We aim to teach children to manage interpersonal skills, to contribute collaboratively and constructively to peers, family, school and the community.
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transport

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The students have the responsibility to work, learn and play to the best of their ability and to be polite, fair and friendly.

The students in school have the responsibility to support each other.

The Principal and staff have the responsibility to implement the Code of Conduct fairly and consistently

Everyone has the right to be respected.

The education and safety of children is a matter of government.

The Code of Conduct for students is consistent with Department of Education and Early Childhood's guidelines and regulations.

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support is a form of positive behaviour intervention designed to reduce the use of exclusions, the use of external resource and promote education and喃喃.

Our students how to set up an appropriate framework.

A home-school partnership is established.

The student transport division of DEED provides buses and taxes.

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