

INVITATION TO ATTEND NDIS INFORMATION SESSION FOR FAMILIES

Upcoming Information Sessions

Thursday, 2 August	5.30 -7.30 p.m.	Rosamond School 276 Ballarat Road Braybrook	Register here
Tuesday, 7 August	6.30 -8.30 p.m.	Warringa Park School 81 Warringa Crescent Hoppers Crossing	Register here
Wednesday, 8 August	6.30 -8.30 p.m.	Western Autistic School – Laverton campus 1 Burnley Street Laverton	Register here
Thursday, 9 August	6.30 -8.30 p.m.	Ascot Vale Special School 1 Tasma Street Ascot Vale	Register here

Information sessions are being conducted across the Western Melbourne Area for parents and school staff. Please choose the date and venue that is most suitable to you.

If you require assistance with this registration, please contact your child’s school for assistance.

National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDIA is an independent statutory agency. Their role is to implement the NDIS.

Information for families and students who live in Western Melbourne Area

Students who are in one or more of the following categories have had their contact details provided to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to facilitate a smooth transition into the NDIS:

1. Students receiving Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) funding for Vision Impairment;
2. Students enrolled at a Specialist School exclusively for students with Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability;
3. Students with disability transport program (Specialist School Bus, taxi or conveyance allowance);
4. Personal care support at school (Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) funding at level 4, 5 or 6; and/or Medical Intervention Support (MIS).

How do I know if my child is eligible for NDIS?

If your child meets the age, residency and disability requirements of the NDIS and you live in the Western Melbourne Area your child may be able to access the NDIS. Western Melbourne Area includes the following Local Government Areas;

- Hobsons Bay
- Maribyrnong
- Melbourne
- Moonee Valley
- Wyndham

When and how will parents be contacted?

The NDIA start date in the above LGAs is October 2018. The NDIA may contact you by phone or letter before October 1st 2018 to begin the process of access to the NDIS. Please be aware that the NDIA will call from an 'unknown' caller ID number and only leave a voice message if your voice mail identifies you by name. This is due to privacy concerns. If they are not able to contact you they will send you a letter. The NDIA is contacting a large number of families so you may not be immediately contacted. Your patience is appreciated.

What do I need to do after the NDIA contacts me?

As the NDIS may fund supports and services in addition to what your child is currently receiving at school, we encourage you to respond to the NDIA as soon as they get in touch.

It is important to note the NDIS does not fund supports that relate to your child's learning. These will still be the responsibility of schools and the education system.

If your child is eligible for the NDIS, you will be asked to work with the NDIA to develop a plan which will identify the services and support best suited to your child.

What will change and what won't?

Your child will be assessed for need and may be eligible for a range of supports. For now, your child's bus to school and support for personal care needs at school will continue to be delivered in the same way. If there are changes to arrangements in the future these will be gradual and we will talk to you first. For now there is no change.

What if my child isn't receiving personal care or transport?

If you live in Western Melbourne Area and your child is not currently receiving these services through the Victorian Government, and you believe they might be eligible for the NDIS, we encourage you to approach the NDIA to be assessed. You can contact the NDIA on 1800 800 110.

What if I don't live in the Western Melbourne Area?

The NDIS is transitioning across Victoria, Local Government Area by Local Government Area from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019. To see when the Local Government Area you live in is scheduled to transition, please refer to the website: <https://myplace.ndis.gov.au/ndisstorefront/about-us/our-sites/vic.1.html>. Closer to the Area rollout more information will become available.

Additional information

For additional information, visit: <http://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/vic>

If you have any further questions please contact Peter Roberts, Manager Health and Wellbeing 8397 0735 or Joanne Marshall, Manager, Inclusion, Access and Participation SWVR on 8397 0707.