



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

Rationale:

All students have different needs, strengths, interests and concerns. Individualised learning opportunities are essential for the development of each and every child. The purpose of this policy is to assist our school to support students with diverse learning needs and disabilities.

Aims:

- To identify and provide for the individual educational and behavioural needs of every student.
- To ensure that all students have the same access to learning at school and are provided with appropriate adjustments and supports.

Implementation:

- Students will be identified and have their own Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Learning Plan (ILP).
- Goals will be developed by teachers and identified from data and observations, student needs and/or with parent consultation.
- Goals developed will focus on the student's individual needs which may include challenges/barriers to learning, behaviour, social and physical needs, and attendance.
- IEPs/ILPs will be developed and teachers will use the process outlined in the Iramoo Primary School ILP/IEP Procedure proforma.
- An IEP/ILP will be developed for all children who:
 - have a Koorie background
 - are in Out of Home Care (OoHC)
 - receive funding under the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD)/Disability Inclusion (from 2023)
 - are working 12 months or more below the expected year level
 - are working 18 months or more above the expected year level
 - are learning English as an Additional Language (EAL)
 - are participating in the Tutor Learning Initiative
 - display poor work habits and/or behaviour
 - have poor attendance.
- The school and parents will have a copy of the agreed IEP/ILP.
- IEPs/ILPs will also detail agreed strategies and responsibilities of each party.
- Students and teachers will **regularly** refer to the IEP/ILP to monitor student progress, achievement of the individual goals and to guide planning and instruction.
- The achievement of IEP/ILP goals will be supported by evidence.
- Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be held once a term for children who receive funding under the PSD.
- SSG meetings will be held for OoHC students, once a term.
- SSG meetings will be held for Koorie students, as requested.
- SSG meetings will be held for other children identified at risk, as required.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.