

## **ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **Supporting Students with Autism and Other Diverse Learning Needs**

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The Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA) provide free resources to teachers to support students with Autism and other diverse learning needs. Below is a list of training modules and downloadable resources available for you to utilise in the classroom. Check them out and follow the links for more information.

#### **AISWA Member Resources and Support**

As an AISWA member, staff can access exclusive resources, professional learning opportunities and information in the Member Portal. AISWA member schools can request access from consultant teachers who can provide support to the schools, encouraging a whole school approach.

This may include providing training to staff and students in order to help support children with Autism to access the curriculum. Contact details for all AISWA inclusive education consultants is available to member school staff via the Staff Directory.

AISWA schools are eligible to access psychology services through AISWA School Psychology Service (ASPS). The role of ASPS is to provide:

- a specialist psychology-based service to AISWA schools to creatively and effectively assist schools and school staff in their mission of supporting, engaging and educating their students.
- a service that encourages and promotes best-practice, empowers and supports school staff, is sustainable and consultative.

ASPS can be requested by contacting the lead psychologists at [asps@ais.wa.edu.au](mailto:asps@ais.wa.edu.au). AISWA member school staff can also access exclusive ASPS resources in the Member Portal.

#### **For more information**

Visit: [www.ais.wa.edu.au](http://www.ais.wa.edu.au)

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#### **Positive Partnerships**

This website provides online resources focussing on building a partnership between parents, carers and educators of school-age children with Autism. Some examples of the resources available through the Positive Partnership's website include; face-to-face workshops for schools and parents, and an online learning hub with modules focussing on topics such as understanding Autism to Positive Behaviour supports.

#### **For more information**

Visit: <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/>

## **Autism Association of WA**

### **Therapy Services**

If you are working with a Therapist from the Autism Association, they can work with you to tailor goals and strategies for the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) and assist with implementing strategies. They can also develop resources individualised to the student and your classroom, and work with the student and family to practice strategies across environments.

The Autism Association of WA work hard to ensure we are providing great quality resources and training to better support educators to achieve great outcomes for students with Autism. You can access these through our online resource page for teachers and educators.

### **Teachers and Educators Online Resources**

Visit our website, navigate to our resources section and the resource page designed specifically for teachers and educators working with students with Autism: [www.autism.org.au/resources](http://www.autism.org.au/resources)

Here you will find a range of resources including printable resources, planning documents, tip sheets, visual supports, high school supports, videos and more.

### **Autism Apps**

Developed in response to parents, teachers and individuals who have asked us how to effectively use technology to support a person with Autism. This website aims to empower you with the skills and knowledge to successfully choose the Apps that are most appropriate for a person with Autism.

For more information visit: <https://www.autismapps.org.au/>

### **Printed Publications**

Visit our online shop to access printed publications such as:

- **Autism Heroes:** Designed with the Australian National Curriculum in mind, the Autism Heroes Education Pack contains lesson plans, a video and worksheets for students in Years 3–6 to build their knowledge about Autism and learn how they can support people with Autism in their classroom and school environment.
- **Autism in the Classroom:** A resource kit for teachers of students with Autism which describes the features of Autism, provides support strategies relevant to the school environment, demonstrates ways of making the curriculum more accessible for students with Autism and provides strategies for preventing and managing behaviours of concern.
- **Thinking Ahead:** Focussing on the transition to high school and beyond, this publication was written for young people with Autism, parents, teachers, caregivers and others and includes information to support these transitions, along with many strategies to help during some potentially difficult times.

### **For more information**

If you have any further questions about these supports or this fact sheet you can contact the Autism Association of WA on:

Tel: (08) 9489 8900

Email: [autismwa@autism.org.au](mailto:autismwa@autism.org.au)

Visit: [www.autism.org.au](http://www.autism.org.au)