

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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

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Catholic Education WA 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 to you. Check them out and follow the links for more information.

#### **Catholic Education Western Australia**

The **Students with Disability Team** assists schools in providing appropriate, inclusive education in the following ways:

- Provides advice and direction to Catholic school leadership teams on issues related to students with disability.
- Provides ongoing specialist support to school staff on issues related to the education of students with disability.
- Promotes best educational practices to enhance access, participation and learning outcomes for students with disability, including working with schools to develop Individual Education Plans (IEP) and Individual Transition Plans for students with disability.
- Assists with the provision of professional development programs for school staff in the area of disability education.
- Assists schools to access funding and resources.
- Works with schools to ensure smooth entry and transitions for students with disability.
- Assists schools to liaise with specialist agencies.

Support from the Students with Disability Team can be requested by contacting them directly.

Teachers can also access the Students with Disability SharePoint which provides resources, information, professional learning opportunities that develop all staff awareness of inclusive learning and teaching practices.

#### **For more information**

Visit: <https://www.cewa.edu.au/learning-and-wellbeing/diverse-learning/students-with-disability/>

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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 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:

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