Students with disability or chronic medical condition – who are they and where are they?

There are many students whose disability or chronic medical condition impacts on their study & learning:

- Students may be in mainstream classes, support classes, or at a school for specific purposes
- They may or may not be funded to receive support services
- They may or may not receive disability provisions at school
- They may be diagnosed with one or more disabilities or chronic medical conditions, including:
  - Chronic Medical Conditions (eg Asthma, Diabetes, Cancer, Crohn’s Disease, Arthritis)
  - Intellectual disability (eg Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome)
  - Learning disability (eg Dyslexia, Dysgraphia)
  - Mental Health Conditions (eg Depression, Anxiety Disorders, Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder)
  - Neurological conditions (eg Multiple Sclerosis, Epilepsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder)
  - Physical disability (eg Spinal Cord Injury, Cerebral Palsy)
  - Sensory disability (eg Hearing, Vision)

ENCOURAGE

- attention at annual post school transition expos & related events
- students to test their eligibility for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- work experience, volunteer work & any exposure to universities, TAFE, or other training providers to build confidence & skills
- independence & self advocacy skills throughout the school years
- students to talk about their disability or medical condition & how it impacts on their study or work - this way they can explain their needs leading to greater success
- students & parents to find & use inclusive technologies, taking advantage of new resources (especially freeware) - a good link is www.eduapps.org
- students & parents to keep copies of assessments & documentation of disability or medical condition... saves time when requesting support at uni, TAFE (A & NDIS)

STAY IN THE LOOP

Social Media
www.facebook.com/ndicoprogram

Events & Networks to Join
Contact your local NDCO
www.education.gov.au/contact-details

For further information contact

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)
www.ndis.gov.au | 1800 800 110

GENERAL DISABILITY SUPPORT
Aability Links (access to link with support)
www.abilitylinknsw.org.au

RESOURCES
Downloadable Workbooks & Resources
www.adcet.edu.au/ndco
Disability Discrimination Act Education Standards
www.dlaeustandards.info

TRANSITION SUPPORT
Support Teachers Transition (DoE) & Transition Officers (Catholic Education & Independent Schools) work with students, have a wealth of information for school leavers, & can assist to develop transition plans. Contact through your school
National Disability Coordination Officer Programme (NDCO) Info, resources, events, referral services - find an NDCO

STUDY OPTIONS & REHOUSING
Uni Disability/AccessAbility Services
Uni Advisers can answer all kinds of questions. It’s best for students to make an appointment rather than just call in.
Find a list of uni services at www.education.gov.au/students/disability-university
Uni Open Days
Go to uni Open Days to explore courses AND meet Accessibility staff. Find their websites on the link above

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME (EAS)
Apply via UAC. EAS recognises disability & medical conditions as long-term educational disadvantage. Use a copy of your documentation to apply for support at uni - this saves time!
www.uac.edu.au/eas
Get Ready for Uni - an NDCO website
www.westsydney.edu.au/getreadyforuni

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
To find an NDIS Provider talk to your Local Area Coordinator (LAC), or go to www.ndis.gov.au/participants/working-providers/find-registered-provider or www.ideas.org.au

EMPLOYMENT
NOT SURFING WHERE TO START?
Check out JobAccess online
www.jobaccess.gov.au or ring a JobAccess Adviser on 1800 404 800

PATHWAYS & SUPPORT
- Open or Self-Employment
- Need Help at Work? Students can access Disability Employment Services (DES) - in the last 6 months of school, DESs can help to find work & apprenticeships/traineeships. Find your closest DES through JobAccess above or www.jobaccess.gov.au/australia/find-a-provider
- Apprentice - ring Job Seeker Hotline 13 62 68 to find a provider or go to www.jobaccess.gov.au/australia/find-a-provider
- Australian Disability Enterprise (Supported Employment) - referral via NDIS
- School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) for eligible NDIS participants
https://bit.ly/2UIa7Kg

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
- Employment Assistance Fund
- (workplace model) - see JobAccess
- Other Government Programs

APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS
Support for people with disability
- Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Scheme (DAAWS) - assistance for tutorial, interpreter & mentor services
- Workplace Modifications or purchase of special equipment
www.jobaccess.gov.au | 1800 404 800

Australian Apprenticeship Network Providers
- VERTO 1300 483 795
- Apprenticeship Support Australia 1300 363 831
- MEGT 136 983
- Sarina Russo 1300 178 776

Australian Apprenticeships
www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Indigenous Apprenticeship Program

VOCA TIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET)
TAFE Teacher/Consultants (TC)
TAFE NSW has specialist Teacher/Consultants to ensure people with disability have equal access on campus.
Make an appointment to find out what assistance is available
www.tafensw.edu.au/student-services/disability-services or phone 1300 601 to find a TC

Counselling with other VET providers eg Registered Training Organisations, Group Training Org
https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students or phone 1300 772 104

Adult Community Education