ESS STAFF ROLES

Head of ESS

- oversees the management of students accessing educational support services
- appoints case managers to oversee individual student needs
- determines teacher and teacher aide support for students in subject areas

Special Education Teachers

- are the appointed person to case manage the progress of the individual educational plans designed to meet the needs of each student
- liaise with parents, the student, staff members and any other support personnel to discuss management strategies and goals for the students they are allocated

Learning Support Teachers

- determine support need at the beginning of Year 8 when students are tested on their literacy and numeracy skills
- offer smaller classes with adjusted curriculum or assessment demands
- consult with subject teachers to discuss best practice
- liaises with parents and students

Teacher Aides

- are assigned to particular students within a class to facilitate the student’s access to learning
- provide professional support services for both the student and the teacher within a class, and to report to case managers about student progress

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Our School Mission
To provide the opportunity for all students to maximise their potential, with an accent on quality.

Our Purpose
As a learning organisation we develop a community of life-long learners who aspire to high levels of personal development and achievement enabling them to participate effectively and enthusiastically in society.

We Value
- Mutual respect and tolerance among all school community members.
- Personal commitment and accountability by all members of the school community in developing and maintaining our purpose.
- Maximised student learning outcomes for all students.
- Interpersonal relationships that are based on fair, reasonable and consistent behaviours and actions.
- Collaborative decision making that involves all relevant stakeholders.
- The continued development of staff which will support them to be effective teachers.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES
Educational Support Services (ESS) administers to Special Education Services (SES), and Learning Support Services (LSS). These two areas work together to provide the best standard of access to education for all students that fall within these parameters.

Special Education Services provides professional support for students with a verified disability under the Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines to access the curriculum in an inclusive environment.

Students are:
- supported in mainstream classes (as required)
- given the opportunity to participate in programs that meet their individual needs and ability expressed through the Education Adjustment Program (EAP) and/or Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Disability specific programmes will be conducted with students in tutorials. These programmes are designed to help the student improve their ability to access curriculum work and life skills in the community.

Disability Specific Programmes designed to promote independence include:
- Community Orientation
- Independent Living Skills
- Pragmatic Language
- Social Skills
- prepared for active citizenship through programs that concentrate on post-school options such as work experience
- offered tutorial support to access assessment (assignments and exam revision) and homework assistance
- offered resource support
- offered assessment support (as required)