

# AUTISM SPECTRUM CONSULTANTS AND FACILITATORS

## SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS



Autism SA's highly experienced and qualified Autism Spectrum Consultants and Facilitators provide support to educators and families for students on the Autism Spectrum. Our team of specialists utilise Evidence Based Strategies to enable individuals on the Autism Spectrum to be the best they can be. We work collaboratively with the team around the student which includes the individual, family, teacher, school support staff, school leadership, special education co-ordinator and the education sector to develop strategies and implement targeted intervention and support appropriate to the individual student.

Our Autism Spectrum Consultant and Facilitator support may be accessed via an NDIS Plan, or Fee for Service options.

Schools can also submit a request for service for short-term intensive support from our team funded through Ministerial Advisory Committee: Students with Disabilities, State Government Grant funding.

Autism Spectrum Consultants and Facilitators provide skills and strategies in a wide range of areas including, but not limited to:

- Emotional Regulation and coping strategies;
- Positive Behaviour Support;
- Reducing behaviours of concern;
- Coping with change;
- Supporting sensory needs;
- Developing social skills and problem solving;
- Developing and maintaining friendships;
- Group participation and interaction/play skills;
- Organisational and independence skills;
- Self-care skills;
- Promoting motivation and engagement in the education setting;
- Developing Theory of Mind;
- Understanding Autism Spectrum;
- Supporting access to the school curriculum;
- School transition; and
- Attendance at Multi-Disciplinary Meetings (One Plans/Individual Education Plans (IEP's), return to school).

Support may be delivered within the education setting through individualised one-to-one support, a small group setting within the classroom/school environment, at one of our clinics or the home environment. The team work closely with families and educators to help generalise new skills across all contexts, to make a real difference and increase capacity at all levels - individual, family, class, school.