

Dual Enrolment Policy

Rationale:

Parents and carers have the option of enrolling students with a disability in both a mainstream and specialist setting at the same time. This is known as a dual enrolment.

Consistency in attendance at either setting allows for consistency in planning and programming for the student with dual enrolment and all students and staff.

Aims:

For students to be offered a range of experiences in both settings to enable them to reach their academic and social goals.

Implementation:

Each setting will provide a program based on an individual learning plan developed in consultation with the student's parent/s. It is the responsibility of each school to produce a plan for the student in that setting.

Teaching staff at Ascot Vale Special will liaise with mainstream school staff on a needs basis but it is recognised that the regular school staff are responsible for the student's program in that setting.

The AVSS program involves a number of excursions for the practical component of student programs. Where these excursions fall on a day where the student is attending the mainstream school, students must attend the program for which they are enrolled on that day. (The days of attendance can be negotiated at the start of each year to include the likely days of excursions). Swapping days of attendance is not an option.

Where an increase in attendance time is negotiated at either setting, ideally these arrangements should apply from the start of a new term. Adequate notice of any change in enrolment, allows for the appropriate programming changes for the student and the timely transfer of funding between settings.

On days where a curriculum day is timetabled at the mainstream school, parents must make arrangements for the student as for all other students at that setting on that day. Attending AVSS for the day or swapping days of attendance is not an option.

An exception to the rule above will be school camps where it is impractical for the student to attend both settings in a week when they are away from both campuses for some of their regular attendance time. Absences from either school may be recorded as an approved absence when this occurs.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by AVSS School Council on: 7th August, 2018