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Learning Together

Supporting families of students with a disability
in Victorian primary and secondary schools

What is Learning Together?

Learning Together is a new online resource jam-packed with information, practical tips and stories shared by other families about how to support their child's education journey.

The information in Learning Together is based on ACD's 30+ years of giving parent-to-parent support on many issues concerning education and schools. It empowers families to build positive relationships with their child's school and to resolve any issues as they arise.

Key information in Learning Together has been translated into Arabic, Chinese, Punjab, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

A resource for all students with disabilities, across all sectors

Learning Together is a comprehensive resource for families of children with a disability in both mainstream and specialist settings, and will also be of great interest to educators and school leaders.

Learning Together provides detailed information about the support system in government schools, but also includes a lot of information about the school choices, the supports, and the complaints system in Catholic and independent schools.



"Just knowing your rights, I think that's such an important thing. It was about the right to be able to communicate, and the equal opportunity, to be able to have an education." - Parent

It summarises relevant policies of the Victorian Department of Education and Training and other bodies, and it draws on the wisdom of many inspiring families and educators.

Learning Together is for all parents and carers of children or young people with a disability or special needs. Aboriginal families can also check out our **Rock Solid** resource at www.acd.org.au/welcome-rock-solid

www.acd.org.au/learning-together-resource

About Learning Together

Every child and young person has the potential to participate, learn and achieve. As a parent or carer, you expect your child to have the best quality education, and the most positive school experience that your chosen school can offer.

You can also play an important part in helping make that happen. Children and young people do best when their teachers and parents or carers come together, to support their learning.

Learning Together incorporates our Positive Education Planning and Transition to Secondary School resources for families of students in Victorian primary and secondary schools.

Learning Together is full of information, practical tips and stories shared by other families on:

- Choosing a school for your child
- A guide to support for students
- Education planning for your child
- Building a partnership with school
- How to go about raising a concern at school
- A guide to the complaints process
- Your child's rights in the education system
- Tips for dealing with common challenges
- Tools and resources that can help
- Some families' stories, and
- Information in community languages (Arabic, Chinese, Punjabi, Tagalog and Vietnamese)

Some of the tools and resources in Learning Together include:

- Key terms explained:
The language of school supports
- Key terms explained:
People who can help your child and family
- Tip sheet and planner:
kindergarten to primary school
- Tip sheet and planner:
primary to secondary school
- What I need at school:
An education needs template
- Top ten tips for your first
Student Support Group meeting
- Top ten tips for effective
Student Support Group meetings
- Top ten tips for effective letter writing

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