

K-6W

K-6W is a special needs class comprising of eight students who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The academic program is taken from the National Curriculum in all subjects but are individualised to meet the needs of each pupil.

There is a full time School Learning Support Officer in the classroom to aid the teacher in the day to day running of the class. To help the students develop their life, social and motor skills we have a number of extra-curricular programs in place such as gymnastics once a week at the Central Coast Gymnastics Centre at Holgate, horse riding at the Riding for the Disabled stables at Kariang and a cooking program in our schools CAR room.

We integrate our pupils as often as possible into mainstream classes and activities by providing individual integration programs, mainstream sporting classes, assemblies and excursions.

For every child with an autism spectrum disorder, the characteristics of autism (communication, social interactions, restricted interests and repetitive behaviours, sensory processing/ learning styles) will affect every part of their life but in a unique way. Even when children with autism share characteristics, the impact of these will be different and will depend on the age, developmental stage and individual strengths.

To be effective, strategies need to be designed to reflect the individual's strengths and needs. For this reason no two students will share the same learning outcomes.