

**POST SCHOOL
OPTIONS
for
Students with disabilities**

Northern Sydney Region

**A Guide for parents to prepare their children with
disability for post school**

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Timeline

Yr7-12

- Parents and teachers explore various post school options suitable for the student through
e.g. bus trip, post school expo etc.
- Parents and teachers teach and support students to acquire skills to prepare for post school options including in school work experience

Yr 10

- Parents and teachers should start meeting with the regional transition officer
- Parents should start to zoom in on a few post school places where they think would be suitable for their child, and their child would like to go to
- Parents should put names on waiting lists if the post school place allows them to do so
- Teachers should start looking at work experience for students who have the potential for work at an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) or then moving into open supported employment
- ** Before the student turns 16, parents should look at entitlements and apply for them (see page. 5)

Yr 11

- Parents and teachers should continue meeting with the regional transition officer, around twice a year
- Parents should fully explore and decide on one to two places in which they think would be most suitable for their child, which their child would like to go to
- Parents should follow up on the names put down on waiting lists if there is one
- Teacher should start work experience for students who have the potential for work at an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) or open employment

Yr 12

- Parents and teachers should continue meeting with the regional transition officer at least twice a year
- *Post School Programs Eligibility Assessment* will be done with the regional transition officer, teachers and the parents. The result of the assessment determines the program and the funding band for the student; they will either receive funding for Community Participation (CP) or Transition To Work (TTW)
- Parents should decide on one place where they think would be most suitable for their child, which their child would like to go
- Parents should follow up on the names put down on waiting lists if there is one and/or make contact with the post school service provider to arrange for transitions and to enquire if they have “getting to know you” sessions during holidays
- Teachers should arrange for work experience **at the choice of place** the parents and the student has made if it is an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE)
- Teachers, with the family’s input, should prepare transition profile handover books for students moving to the different post school places
- Teachers should arrange transition meetings and visits (there is funding for 2 days of SLSO support) to prepare the student in transition

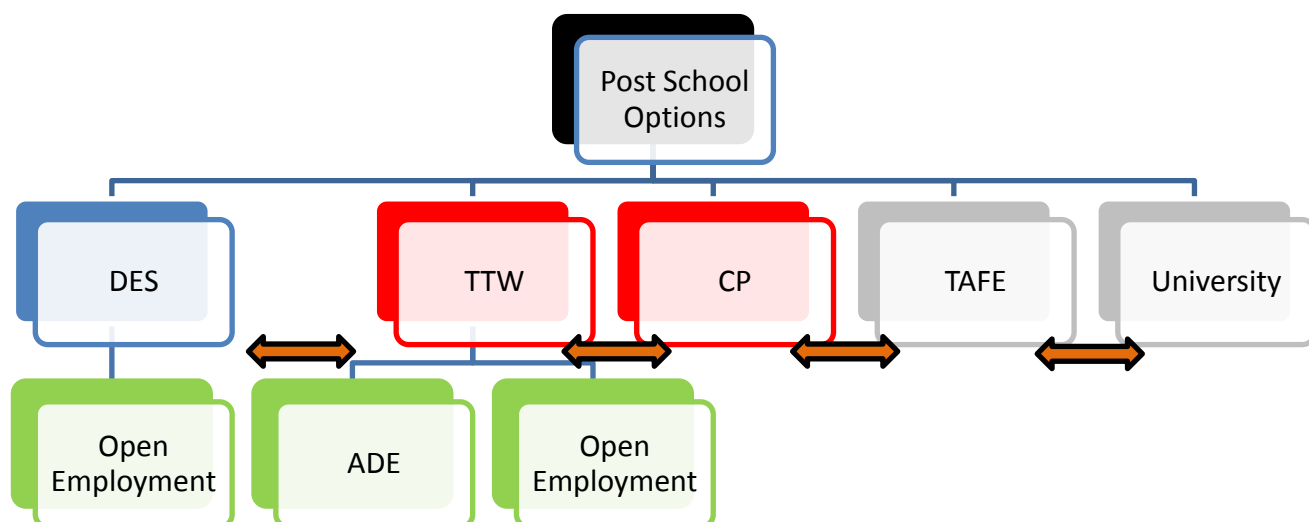
Entitlements

Children with disabilities are open to a range of entitlements. There are a few extra pensions and entitlements people with disabilities are eligible for when they turn 16. Parents should explore all the entitlements below.

Entitlement	Obtained Through	When
Companion Card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now accepted Australia wide – see website for services who accepts • http://www.companioncard.gov.au/cardholders_where.htm 	ADHC	When child enrolls in school
Taxi Vouchers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School aged students 	Transport NSW – RMA	When child enrolls in school
Disability Support Pension (DSP) Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility allowance • Pensioner education supplement • Carer’s allowance • Pharmaceutical benefits 	Centrelink	Get documents ready before child turns 16
Contenance Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit CAPS website 	Enable NSW	Any age
Disability Sticker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver’s license NOT required in order to be eligible nor does the student have to have mobility issues 	RMS	Any age

Post School Options

General Overview of Post School Options



Definitions:

TTW – Transition to Work – program that assists school leavers with a disability to become ready for work, vocational education/training or higher education.

CP – Community Participation – program that assists young people with a disability, with moderate to high support needs, to develop their life skills and increased independence.

DES – Disability Employment Services – organisations to assist people with a disability to find and maintain employment in the open labour market but with ongoing support

ADE – Australian Disability Enterprises – commercial businesses that provide employment for people with disability, involves a variety of work tasks such as packaging, recycling, screen printing, garden maintenance and landscaping, food services etc.

Open Employment – having a job in the general labour market

TAFE – alternative to university – offers support to people with disability to assist them to achieve their desired course outcomes and qualifications

University – tertiary institutions where students gain high level qualifications such as a Bachelor Degree and provide disability support for students

General Explanation:

There are many post school options and service providers for school leavers with a disability. Some of which can be seen as a platform (TTW or DES) providing support for school leavers to transition to appropriate work places (ADE or Open Employment) as a long term goal. Some provide recreational program (CP) for school leavers who are more suited to leisure and community based activities, but also giving them opportunities to extend and explore work opportunities.

Post School Programs Eligibility and Funding

During the students' last year of school, the regional transition officer will conduct a Post School Programs Eligibility Assessment with the teacher and parents where the results will determine the program and funding band for the student.

The student will receive varying funding for either the CP or TTW program.

Outline of CP and TTW program

Community Participation (CP)	Transition To Work (TTW)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist school leavers with moderate to high support needs to develop life skills and increase independence • There are 4 funding bands – moderate, high, very high and exceptional. These bands define the dollar amount and the number of hours allocated • There are different delivery methods that students and families can choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centre based activities to achieve goals set by the centre and parents (can work towards independence in work and TTW) - Individual community based options – design own program of activities where the service provider would act as an option coordinator - Self-managed model – design own program within funding allocation • At any point in time, the students (and their families) can decide if they would like to continue there, move to another service or apply for a TTW, DES or Open Employment • Students can also share the funding between different service providers in this category, allowing them to attend different programs through the week. This can only be done if the service provider agrees to broker the days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two year program to assist school leavers with a disability to become ready for work, vocational education/training or higher education • During the two years, depending on the students' ability, they will be involved in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workplace training (supported at ADE or Open Employment) - Formal training courses - Informal training courses - Social and recreational activities - Resume development and presentation • After two years, the student will leave the TTW program and be moved onto an ADE, Open Employment, be reassessed for a CP program, or apply for an extension of up to 12 months

*If parents or service users disagree with the funding band or program given (or were not given anything at all), they have the right to appeal

Outline of DES

If applying for DES when students leave school, some need to have special eligibility from Centrelink to be able to do that. (Applying through Centrelink proves to be a difficult process and it's better if they approach the DES they want to apply for and ask them to help them apply for the Centrelink eligibility). If coming from a specialised setting e.g. SSP or unit, if they are in mainstream and have integration funding, or in receipt of the DSP (Disability Support Pension), they can go immediately to a DES.

Outline of ADE or Open Employment

These are employment options for school leavers with disabilities. Families can apply directly with ADE or Open Employment of their choice; however, it is not a usual choice. That's because by choosing to go through TTW or DES instead, they will receive more support, training and preparation for work than applying directly to the ADE or Open Employment.

Service Providers Contact Details

Community Participation (CP) Service Providers

Service Provider	Location <i>(Contact head office for more information about their services)</i>	Contact Details and Brief Description
Ability Options	Bella Vista (Head Office) Only has Self-managed option.	Suite 1.14, 29-31 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista NSW 2153 P: 02 8811 1777 E: admin@abilityoptions.org.au
Achieve Australia	Eastwood (Head Office) Eastwood (service location)	Brigadon Place, Eastwood NSW 2122 P: 02 9034 1600 E: info@achieveaustralia.org.au
Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT)	Frenchs Forest (Head Office) Ryde (service location)	Forest Ridge Business Park Building 1, Level 2, 14 Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086 P: 02 8977 8300 E: contact@autismspectrum.org.au
Catholic Care – Archdiocese of Broken Bay	Pennant Hills (Head Office) Waitara (service location)	Level 7, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills 2120 P: 02 9481 2600 E: centacare@dbb.org.au (CHECK)
Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Allambie Heights (Head Office) Brookvale (service location) Marsfield (service location)	187 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100 P: 02 9975 8000 E: info@cerebralpalsy.org.au
Flintwood Disability Services (Brookvale)	North Parramatta (Head Office) Harris Park (service location) Castle Hill (service location)	11 Fennell Street, North Parramatta NSW 2151 P: 02 9630 1777 E: admin@flintwood.org.au

Fighting Chance	Brookvale	Building B, 5 Skyline Place, Frenchs Forest 2086 P: 02 9905 0415 E: laura@fightingchance.org.au
Inala	Cherrybrook (Head Office) Cherrybrook (service location) Castle Hill (service location)	Corner Castle Hill & Franklin Roads, Cherrybrook NSW 2126 P: 02 9680 1000 E: reception@inala.org.au
Minimbah	Marsfield (Head Office+ service location)	10 Vincentia Street, Marsfield NSW 2122 P: 02 9887 2299 Webpage: http://minimbah.org.au/
North West Disability Services	Baulkham Hills (Head Office+ service location)	15 Conie Avenue, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 P: 02 9686 4155 E: enquiries@nsds.org.au
Northside Enterprise Inc	Brookvale (Head Office+ service location)	Unit 5/26 William Street, Brookvale NSW 2100 P: 02 9905 5377 E: mail@northside-enterprise.org.au
Sunnyfield	Allambie Heights (Head Office+ service location)	185 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100 P: 02 8977 8800 E: careers@sunnyfield.com.au
Studio Artes Northside Inc.	Hornsby (Head Office+ service location)	3/67-71 Jersey Street, Hornsby NSW 2077 P: 02 9482 5266 E: enquiries.sa@studioartes.com.au

Sunshine	Pymble (Head Office+ service location) St Ives (service location) Frenchs Forest (service location)	6 West Street, Pymble NSW 2073 P: 02 9496 8700 E: info@sunshinelgd.org.au
The Northcott Society	Parramatta (Head Office+ service location)	1 Fennell Street, North Parramatta NSW 2151 P: 02 9890 0100 E: northcott@northcott.com.au
Wesley Disability Services	Northmead	32B Dremeday Street, Northmead NSW 2152 P: 02 9686 4464 E: wesrespite@wesleymission.org.au
Warrah	Dural (Head Office+ service location)	20 Harris Road, Dural NSW 2158 P: 02 9651 2411 E: warrah@warrah.org.au

Transition To Work (TTW) Service Providers - Head office?

Service Provider	Location <i>(Contact head office for more information about their services location)</i>	Contact Details and Brief Description
Achieve Australia	Ryde	Suit301, Level 3, 5-9 Devlin Street, Ryde NSW 2112 P: 02 9334 0900 E: ddickson@achieveaustralia.org.au
Catholic Care – Archdiocese of Broken Bay	Brookvale Waitara	Unit 9B 44 Wattle Road, brookvale NSW 2100 P: 02 8425 8711 E: nina.andrews@dbb.org.au 1a Clarke Road, Waitara NSW 2077 P:02 9489 4791 E: Kerry.smythe@dbb.org.au
Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Chatswood	Suite 204, Level 3, 13 Spring Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 02 9413 3400 E: dfranklin@cerebralpalsy.org.au
House with no Steps	Belrose Hornsby	49 Blackbutts Road, Belrose NSW 2085 P: 02 9451 1511 E: vmeza@hwns.com.au Unit 8, 2 nd Floor 248-252 Pacific Hwy, Hornsby NSW 2077 P: 1300 692 464 E: mparsons@hwns.com.au
Job Centre Australia	Chatswood	Level1, 13 Spring Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 02 9413 1313 E: noni.hardes@jobcentreaustralia.com.au

Minimbah	Marsfield (head office) Denistone (service location)	10 Vincentia Street, Marsfield NSW 2122 P: 02 9887 2299 Webpage: http://minimbah.org.au
Northside Enterprise	Brookvale	Unit 5, 26 William Street, Brookvale NSW 2100 P: 02 9905 5377 E: northside@pacific.net.au
The Housing Connection	Chatswood	31 Albert Avenue, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 02 9415 2311 E: ttw@thc.org.au
The Northcott Society	Hornsby	Suite 3, Level 5, 20 George Street, Hornsby NSW 2077 P: 02 9472 5200 E: Hornsby@northcott.com.au
Sunshine	Thornleigh (moving to Hornsby end of 2014)	Unit 1/10 Lymoore Avenue, Thornleigh NSW 2120 P: 02 9479 6013 E: info@sunshinelgd.org.au
Sunnyfield	Allambie Heights Chatswood	185 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100 P: 0401 695 159 E: transitiontowork@sunnyfield.org.au Lot 1, O'Brien Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 0401 695 159 E: transitiontowork@sunnyfield.org.au
Fighting Chance (specialises in physical disability)	Frenchs Forest	Building B, 5 Skyline Place, Frenchs Forest 2086 P: 02 9905 0415 E: laura@fightingchance.org.au

Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) Service Providers- head office?

Service Provider	Location <i>Contact head office for more information about their services location)</i>	Contact Details and Brief Description
Cerebral Palsy Alliance – Packforce	Warringah	4/2 Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086 P: 02 9975 7555 E: akane@packforce.com.au
Challenge North Shore Inc	Hornsby	39 Jersey Street, Hornsby NSW 2077 P: 02 9476 6811 E: cns@cns.org.au
David Morgan Enterprise (Gardening Group)	Rydalmere	211 Victoria Road, Rydalmere NSW 2116 P: 02 8845 1304
DSA Business Services	Castle Hill	9-11/8 Gladstone Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 P: 02 9894 9569 E: smccrea@dsa.org.au
Endeavour Foundation Industries	Castle Hill	Unit D, 2 Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill NSW 2154 P: 02 9846 1500 E: business.solutions@endeavour.com.au
Ozanam Industries	West Ryde	81-87 Ryedale Road, West Ryde NSW 2114 P: 02 9807 4066 E: quote@ozanam.org.au

New Horizons	North Ryde	15 Twin Road, North Ryde NSW 2113 P: 02 9490 0000 Webpage: http://newhorizons.net.au/
RichmondPRA – Prestige Packing Co	West Ryde	Unit 6, 7-9 Rhodes Street, West Ryde NSW 2114 P: 02 9690 8904 E: business@pra.org.au
Sunnyfield	Allambie Chatswood	185 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100 P: 02 9451 6999 E: careers@sunnyfield.com.au O'Brien Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 02 9411 7044 E: careers@sunnyfield.com.au
Sunshine – Mail Plus & Mowmentus	Thornleigh	Unit 1/2, 10 Lymoore Avenue, Thornleigh NSW 2120 P: 02 9479 6006 E: mailplus@sunshinelgd.org.au
Wesley Enterprises	Dundas	211 Victoria Road, Dundas NSW 2117 P: 02 8845 1300 E: wes@wesleymission.org.au

Disability Employment Services (DES) Service Providers- head office?

Service Provider	Location <i>Contact head office for more information about their services location)</i>	Contact Details and Brief Description
Ability Options Employment	Hornsby	Suite 5, Level 3, 20 George Street, Hornsby NSW 2077 P:02 9476 2411 E: admin@abilityoptions.org.au
Achieve Australia	Ryde	Level 3, 5-9 Devlin Street, Ryde NSW 2112 P: 02 9334 0900 E: mporret@achieveaustralia.org.au
Break Thru People Solutions	Hornsby	Suite 4, Level 3, 45-47 Hunter Street, Hornsby NSW 2077 P: 02 9987 0611 E: Hornsby@breakthru.org.au
Cerebral Palsy Alliance – Employment Solutions	Chatswood	304/13 Spring Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 02 9413 3400 E: nseds@seds.org.au
Job Centre Australia	Chatswood	Level 1, 13 Spring St, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 02 9413 1313 E: icachatswood@jobcentreaustralia.com.au
Jobsupport Inc	Chatswood	Suite 412, 282 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood NSW 2067 P: 02 9413 1633 E: jsupport@jobsupport.asn.au
Northcott	Hornsby	Suite 3, Level 5, 20 George Street, Hornsby NSW 2077 P: 02 9472 5200 E: Hornsby@northcott.com.au

TAFE

Disability catering for	Location	Contact Details
Intellectual Disability	Hornsby Meadowbank Ryde	Sue Huckstep P: 02 9472 1272 E: susan.huckstep@tafensw.edu.au
	Bradfield Crows Nest Northern Beaches North Sydney	Anne Strange and Deborah Trevan-Catling P: 02 9941 5281 E: anne.strange@tafensw.edu.au and Deborah.trevan-catling@tafe.nsw.edu.au
Physical Disability	Hornsby Meadowbank Ryde	Karen Healey P: 02 9448 6449 E: Karen.healey@tafensw.edu.au
	Bradfield Crows Nest Northern Beaches North Sydney	Karen Healey P: 02 9448 6449 E: Karen.healey@tafensw.edu.au
Hearing Impairment	Hornsby Meadowbank Ryde	Mark Kelly P (voice): 02 9942 3788 P (TTY):02 9942 3172 E: mark.kelly@tafensw.edu.au

	Bradfield Crows Nest Northern Beaches North Sydney	Bruce Morgan P (Voice): 02 9942 0054 P (TTY): 02 9942 0065 National relay service; 131 677 E: bruce.morgan@tafensw.edu.au
Learning Disability	Hornsby Meadowbank Ryde	Sandra Schieb P: 02 9472 1569 E: Sandra.schieb1@tafensw.edu.au
	Bradfield Crows Nest Northern Beaches North Sydney	Deborah Trevan-Catling P: 02 9448 4431 E: Deborah.trevan-catling@tafensw.edu.au
Vision Impairment	All NSI Colleges	Elizabeth Andrew P: 02 9472 1216 E: Elizabeth.andrew@tafensw.edu.au
Psychiatric Disability	All NSI colleges	Aistis Bieri P: 02 9942 3655 E: aistis.bieri@tafensw.edu.au Sandra Schieb P: 02 9472 1569 E: Sandra.schieb1@tafensw.edu.au

Service Providers on ADHC webpage

Parents should start exploring the various post school options and service providers as early as their children enter high school. The ADHC website provides a detail and updated list of service providers in different regions. The link below will take you to the Post School Programs, Eligibility and Service Providers.

http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/individuals/support/learning_new_skills/for_school_leavers - Post School Programs

