



Gymea Bay Public School has an Inclusive Education Hub (IEH) that was established in 2025. Our IEH has - three classes that support eligible students from K-6 who have been diagnosed with Autism to receive specialised and intensive support.

If your child is placed in our IEH class, they will have the same opportunity as students in mainstream classes to participate in the school's and community activities, such as school sports and assemblies. There is also the flexibility for them to undertake some of their learning in other mainstream classes within GBPS. This is largely dependent upon the resources available and their personalised learning and support needs.

They will have access to:

- support teachers transition
- the same specialist provisions as those available to students in mainstream classes, including disability provisions from the NESA for practical support in examinations
- transport assistance under the Assisted School Travel Program, if they are eligible.

Class sizes in our IEH are smaller than in mainstream classes because of the students' higher needs. Classes classified as AU (autism) are capped at 7 students in each class.

Every hub class has a teacher and a school learning support officer (SLSO), and every student will have planning undertaken for their personalised learning and support that captures their needs and goals.

The class teachers are responsible for planning personalised learning and support for each student, in consultation with parents and carers and allied health professionals where it is appropriate.

Access Request Process

Please Note: You can't enrol your child directly into a support class but your local school can help you with this process. The first step is to speak to your child's school.

The school will work with you to determine if your child is eligible and if this type of support will meet their needs. This option is available when:

- Your child has significant support needs and meets the department's disability criteria.
- This type of specialist support will meet their educational needs.
- An application is completed in collaboration with you. This is usually arranged by the learning and support team at the school your child is enrolled in.

A local support class panel considers the application and decides an outcome. This application is called an 'Access Request'.

See link to further information in relation to Access Requests.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/inclusive-learning-support/high-school/how-your-child-can-be-supported-in-high-school/access-requests>