

Learning and Support at John Palmer PS

The Learning and Support Team (LaST) is a planning and support mechanism within the school that assists in maximising the educational experiences and outcomes for students.

The LaST's primary functions are to:

- Support teachers: They help teachers identify and respond to students' additional learning needs.
- Coordinate planning: They organise the whole school's approach to improving learning outcomes.
- Design supports: They design and implement support for students with disabilities or additional needs and for building teacher capacity.
- Collaborate: They work with parents, other professionals, and the community to create a partnership for student support.
- Provide recommendations: They collect data to provide recommendations for students who need adjustments to access the curriculum.

How the LaST supports your child:

- Works with your child's teachers to ensure their needs are identified.
- Organises the planning process for your child's support.
- Designs and implements specific supports for your child.
- Works with the wider school community and other professionals to improve learning for all students.



The Learning and Support Team Guidelines

1. Teachers considering a referral for a student to the Learning and Support Team must discuss it with parents/carers and the stage supervisor before the referral.
2. Students referred to the Learning and Support Team are those who have learning or behavioural issues that are atypical, and all other avenues have been discussed and exhausted before the referral.
3. Referrals are accompanied by work samples or assessment data to support the referral.
4. The discussion of each student at LaST meetings remains private and confidential.
5. An action plan will be created for a student after a referral has been discussed at the LaST meeting. It is the responsibility of the classroom teacher, grade supervisor and the LS teacher to make adjustments and add comments to the plan – it is a working document.
6. The class teacher and supervisor may be invited to the LaST meeting to discuss additional supports.

SUMMARY

The Learning and Support Team is dedicated to providing tailored assistance to help your child thrive academically and emotionally. They work closely with students to identify individual strengths and challenges, offering targeted strategies and resources that foster growth. However, it is crucial to acknowledge that support from the team should not be viewed as a quick solution. Every student learns at their own pace, and improvement can take time as they build confidence and develop new skills. With consistent support and patience, positive progress may gradually become evident, guiding your child towards achieving their full potential.