| **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**Information for schools – July 2018 |
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## From 1 July 2018, the NDIS will be fully operational in NSW, replacing disability services previously provided or funded by NSW Ageing, Disability and Home Care. Students who are NDIS participants and their families will benefit from school staff understanding the NDIS.

### What is the NDIS?

The NDIS is a national scheme that delivers supports to people with disability. It is managed by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

People with disability who meet NDIS eligibility requirements will receive personalised packages of support to enable them to access 'reasonable and necessary' supports to achieve their personal goals. The NDIS gives participants choice and control over their supports and how they are delivered.

The NDIS also supports people with disability to connect with their community through its Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) stream. ILC provides funds to organisations for personal and community capacity building activities that support more accessible and inclusive communities. These activities include building the skills, resources and confidence of people with disability to participate in their community.

### The NDIS is available to people between 0 and 65 years

A person with disability is eligible for the NDIS if they have a permanent impairment that substantially reduces their ability to perform tasks or actions in all areas of daily living, and affects their capacity for social and economic participation. It is available for children with significant disabilities. More information on NDIS eligibility can be found on the [NDIS website](http://www.ndis.gov.au/) ([www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)).

### The NDIS funds supports that address the functional impact of disability on daily life

This includes:

* mobility aids and equipment, such as wheelchairs
* communication equipment, such as hearing aids
* home and vehicle modifications
* support with self-care and to participate in the community.

### The NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) approach delivers early intervention supports for children aged 0-6 years

The ECEI approach focuses on integrating supports to meet a child’s needs across various settings, including preschools, playgroups and the early years of school. Further information on the ECEI approach and how it can support transition to school can be found in the [ECEI fact sheet](https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/830f2952-3e29-4f4d-a7ae-7b213d37dd39/1/ECEI%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20July%202018.DOCX) for schools. Information can also be found on the [NDIS website](http://www.ndis.gov.au/ecei) ([www.ndis.gov.au/ecei](http://www.ndis.gov.au/ecei)).

### The NDIS does not replace the obligations of schools to students with disability

The *Disability Standards for Education 2005* continue to apply to schools. Schools remain responsible for providing reasonable adjustments (through personalised learning and support) for students with disability to enable them to fully participate in education.

### More NDIS resources for schools

The following are available on the department’s [website](https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/disability-learning-and-support/resources/national-disability-insurance-scheme): (<https://tinyurl.com/doe-ndis>):

* [Fact Sheet: Assistive Technology and the NDIS](https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/856bbea6-1cb3-4424-85ef-de07622e375d/1/NDIS%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20Assistive%20technology%20aids%20and%20equipment.docx)
* [Fact Sheet: Early Childhood Early Intervention](https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/830f2952-3e29-4f4d-a7ae-7b213d37dd39/1/ECEI%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20July%202018.DOCX)
* [Supporting families to understand and access the NDIS](https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/2fe9943c-260c-4bde-99a9-86c64873966d/1/1%20NDIS%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20Supporting%20families%20to%20understand%20and%20access%20the%20NDIS.pdf)
* [Supporting families during the NDIS planning process](https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/6b2a6413-336c-455d-8e18-cb0685c30f49/1/2%20NDIS%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20Supporting%20families%20during%20the%20NDIS%20planning%20process.pdf)
* [Supporting families as they implement their child’s NDIS plan](https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/d24b1f24-79ed-4ca4-aada-804771e7f026/1/Fact%20Sheet%203%20-%20Supporting%20families%20to%20implement%20and%20review%20their%20child%27s%20NDIS%20plan.pdf).

| **More information**  NDIS website: [ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)  Department of Education NDIS website: <https://tinyurl.com/doe-ndis>  Disability, Learning and Support Email: [disability.support@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:disability.support@det.nsw.edu.au)  NDIS Coordinators for NSW Public Schools:  **Macquarie Park**–Fran Tinley  **Tamworth**–Tracey Winfer  **Ultimo**–Linda Cormack  **Wagga Wagga (Dubbo)**–Wendy English  **Wagga Wagga (Warilla)**–Galiema Gool  © 2018 NSW Department of Education |
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