# Getting to know you

## Collecting information about students with disability

Easy Read version

This information is written in an easy to read way. We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Some words are written in **bold**. We explain what these words mean.

You can ask for help to read this document.
A friend, family member or support person may
be able to help you.

## The Australian Government is changing the way information is collected about students with disability.

These changes will help the government to have a better understanding of students with disability.

Information is being collected by schools from all around Australia.

## Students with disability

In Australia, there's a law that says people with disability must be treated fairly.

This law is called the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

Under this law, students with disability have the right to take part in their education, just like all other students.

Schools may need to make changes to support students with disability.

These types of changes are called **adjustments**. Schools must make adjustments that are reasonable – this means they are balanced and fair.

Some examples of reasonable adjustments for some students and schools include:

* providing school work in more than one way – such as large print, Braille or audio information
* extra time to complete work
* small group or one to one learning support
* help with getting around.

Teachers understand how to teach their students.

Teachers work out what kind of reasonable adjustments each student with disability needs.

When planning adjustments, teachers can work with:

* you
* your family
* doctors or other professionals.

## What sort of information will be collected?

Every year, schools will be asked about the students with disability that they support.

Teachers will talk with parents and carers.

They may need to talk to some students, especially students who are over 18 years of age.

Information will be collected in each State and Territory.

## What will the information be used for?

We will then put all the information together so that we can understand students with disability all around Australia.

This includes:

* how many students with disability go to school in Australia
* what is being done to support students with disability.

During this process, we will make sure that any information we collect about you is kept private and safe. Your name will not be collected.

If you want to find out more about this project and the information being collected, you can talk to your school principal.

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