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## Support Provided Within Quality Differentiated Teaching Practice Supplementary Adjustments Quality teaching practice is responsive to the differential needs of students. Supplementary adjustments are provided when there is an assessed need at Some students with disability may not need educational adjustments specific times to complement the strategies and resources already available beyond those that are expected as part of quality teaching or school practice (for all students) within the school. These adjustments are designed to to address disability related needs. address the nature and impact of the student's disability and any associated These students may have been considered for some level of active support barriers to their learning, physical, communication or participatory needs. (i.e. active monitoring or provision of adjustments). Their identified needs would be subject to close monitoring and review. If the school team, in consultation with the student, their parent or carer, has agreed that the student's needs as a result of the disability are being met through quality differentiated teaching practice then these students should be counted under this level of adjustment. Changes to student needs that require changes to the level of adjustment would be reflected in the next data collection period. Further information on the definition of disability for the NCCD, and on students with disability for whom support is provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, is available in the Strategies that Support Decision Making resource. Quality differentiated teaching practice caters to the needs of a diverse Adjustments to teaching and learning might include modified or tailored student population. Students in this category do not require the type of programs in some or many learning areas, modified instruction using a structured task-analysis approach, the provision of course materials in adjustments that are captured in the other three levels. However, their teachers are conscious of the need for explicit, albeit minor, adjustments to accessible forms, separate supervision or extra time to complete assessment teaching and school practice that enable them to access learning on the tasks and the provision of intermittent specialist teacher support. Adjustments might include modifications to ensure full access to buildings same basis as their peers. This category would include general adjustments that have been made in a school as part of developing or maintaining a and facilities, specialised technology, programs or interventions to address culture of inclusion. the student's social/emotional needs and support or close supervision to participate in out-of-school activities or the playground. These adjustments Examples for this category could include: may also include the provision of a support service that is provided by the education authority or sector, or that the school has sourced from an • a differentiated approach to curriculum delivery and assessment that external agency. anticipates and responds to students' learning differences personalised learning that is implemented without drawing on additional a student with a health condition or a mental health condition that has a functional impact on their schooling and requires ongoing monitoring but who does not require a higher level of support or adjustment during the period they are being considered for the data collection whole school professional learning for the management of health conditions such as asthma or diabetes. This forms part of a school's general, ongoing practice to equip teachers and education staff with the skills and knowledge to support students' health needs a facility such as building modifications, that already exists in the school and caters for a student's physical disability, where no additional action is required to support the student's learning. The student's identified needs do have a functional impact on their schooling Students with disability and lower level additional support needs access and and require active monitoring. However, the student is able to participate in participate in schooling on the same basis as students without disability courses and programs at the school and use the facilities and services through the provision of some personalised adjustments. Accessing the available to all students, on the same basis as students without a disability, curriculum at the appropriate year level (i.e. the outcomes and content of through support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice. regular learning programs or courses) is often where students at this level Examples might include: have particular learning support needs. For example, many of these students will have particular difficulty acquiring new concepts and skills outside a students with health conditions such as asthma and diabetes, that have a highly structured environment. The needs of other students at this level may functional impact on their schooling, but whose disability related needs be related to their personal care, communication, safety, social interaction or are being addressed through quality differentiated teaching practice and mobility, or to physical access issues, any of which may limit their capacity to active monitoring participate effectively in the full life of their mainstream school. a student with a mental health condition who has strategies in place to manage the condition in consultation with medical professionals, that can be provided within quality differentiated teaching practice • a student who has been provided with a higher level of adjustment in the past or may require a higher level of adjustment in their future schooling. The needs of all students, but in particular students with disability, should

be regularly monitored and reviewed to enable the school and teachers to respond with an appropriate adjustment should the level of need change.

	Substantial Adjustments	Extensive Adjustments
Description of Adjustment	Substantial adjustments are provided to address the specific nature and significant impact of the student's disability. These adjustments are designed to address the more significant barriers to their engagement, participation, learning and achievement.	Extensive adjustments are provided when essential specific measures are required at all times to address the individual nature and acute impact of the student's disability and the associated barriers to their learning and participation. These adjustments are highly individualised, comprehensive and ongoing.
Typical Adjustment	These adjustments are generally considerable in extent and may include frequent (teacher directed) individual instruction and regular direct support or close supervision in highly structured situations, to enable the students to participate in school activities. They may also include adjustments to delivery modes, significantly modified study materials, access to bridging programs, or adapted assessment procedures (e.g., assessment tasks that significantly adjust content, mode of presentation and/or the outcomes being assessed).  Other adjustments may be the provision on a regular basis of additional supervision, regular visiting teacher or external agency support, frequent assistance with mobility and personal hygiene, or access to a specialised support setting. Close playground supervision may be required at all times or essential specialised support services for using technical aids, or alternative formats for assessment tasks, to enable these students to demonstrate the achievement of their intended learning outcomes.	Students with disability and very high support needs generally access and participate in education with the provision of extensive targeted measures, and sustained levels of intensive support. The strengths, goals and learning needs of this small percentage of students are best addressed by highly individualised learning programs and courses using selected curriculum content tailored to their needs. Many students at this level will have been identified at a very young age and may have complex, associated support needs with their personal care and hygiene, medical conditions and mobility, and may also use an augmentative communication system. Students may also have particular support needs when presented with new concepts and skills and may be dependent on adult support to participate effectively in most aspects of their school program. Without highly intensive intervention, such as extensive support from specialist staff or constant and vigilant supervision, these students may otherwise not access or participate effectively in schooling.
Student Characteristics	Students with disability who have more substantial support needs generally access and participate in learning programs and school activities with the provision of essential measures and considerable adult assistance. Some students at this level require curriculum content at a different year level to their same-age peers, while others will only acquire new concepts and skills, or access some of the outcomes and content of the regular learning program, courses or subjects, when significant curriculum adjustments are made to address their learning needs. Other students at this level might have limited capacity to communicate effectively, or need regular support with personal hygiene and movement around the school. These students may also have considerable, often associated support needs, relating to their personal care, safety, self-regulation or social interaction, which also impact significantly on their participation and learning.	Students with disability and very high support needs generally access and participate in education with the provision of extensive targeted measures, and sustained levels of intensive support. The strengths, goals and learning needs of this small percentage of students are best addressed by highly individualised learning programs and courses using selected curriculum content tailored to their needs. Many students at this level will have been identified at a very young age and may have complex, associated support needs with their personal care and hygiene, medical conditions and mobility, and may also use an augmentative communication system. Students may also have particular support needs when presented with new concepts and skills and may be dependent on adult support to participate effectively in most aspects of their school program. Without highly intensive intervention, such as extensive support from specialist staff or constant and vigilant supervision, these students may otherwise not access or participate effectively in schooling.

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