Inclusive Education Policy

Department of Education and Training

Easy English
Hard words

This booklet has some hard words.
The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in blue

- we will write what the hard word means.

About this booklet

This booklet is written by the Department of Education and Training.

We are in charge of government schools in Victoria.

This booklet is about our inclusive education policy.

The policy is a plan to make sure all students with disabilities can

- join in at school

- do their best at school.
What we think

We think that every child has the right to learn and be happy at school.

Rights are things everyone should be able to
• get
• have
• do.

The law says everyone has rights.

We want every student in a government school to
• feel welcome
• feel important
• be happy at school
• learn.
We want government schools to

- be fair to all students
- work with students in different ways to help them learn
- help all students join in
- teach students and teachers it is okay to
  - be different
  - have a disability.

What we will do

Every school should

- work with students and their families to decide
  - how each student learns best
  - what help each student needs at school
- be kind to students
- teach students the best way they can.
Every school must also make **reasonable adjustments** for students with disabilities.

A reasonable adjustment might mean a school changes something to help a student learn.

For example, a school could
- give a student extra help to do work in class
- give a student different tasks to help them learn.

All schools need to make reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

It is the law.

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**Laws**

Every school has to do what the law says.

There are lots of different laws.

Some laws tell schools they need to
- teach all students
- take care of all students
- be fair to all students
- make sure students do **not** bully other students
- make reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.
More information

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