



**AUTISM SPECIALISED LEARNING  
PROGRAM  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
GUIDE - 2024**



**Baldivis**  
Secondary College



# PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We are one of nine exclusive State Secondary Schools that has a specific Specialised Autism Learning Program aimed at providing students with Autism Spectrum Disorder a greater opportunity to achieve their aspirations.

We have a dedicated facility on school site that enables our specialist staff to run individually tailored education programs for students accepted into the specialised learning program. Strong links to mainstream schooling are in place to support students to transition smoothly into mainstream when the time is right.

A major strength of our college is our people. The people at our college and the relationships we sustain are the strength of our college community. The Baldvis Way ensures we have a vibrant learning community where personal goals are achieved through mutual respect and success is celebrated.

Alison Parolo | **Principal**

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Baldvis Secondary College's Specialised Learning Program (SLP) for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) supports the individual needs of students and aims to provide a greater opportunity for engagement. The Year 7 to Year 12 program provides education and support for the social and emotional development of students with ASD who have the potential to achieve academic success in mainstream schooling and beyond.

The Specialised Learning Program (SLP-A) features specialised teacher and education assistant support, a homeroom for study and organisation support, a private courtyard for safe and quiet breaks, Gus, the disability support sensory dog, a sensory room, the cube as a safe and supervised space at recess and lunchtime, a specialised exercise and wellness program.

Each student works towards achieving their goals in a caring and supportive environment which acknowledges their unique learning profile. The SLP-A is an evidence-based program reflective of current best practice research and is supported by the School of Special Education Needs.

Students attend Life Classes that focus on developing skills around self-regulation and social skills while working closely with their SLP-A teacher. The health curriculum is also delivered by the SLP-A teachers to ensure that important topics can be explored and fully understood.

The SLP-A has a dedicated facility within the mainstream environment where staff are able to run individually tailored education programs for students who have gaps in their learning. This provides students with extra learning opportunities after which they return to their mainstream class.

# STUDENT SELECTION

## ELIGIBILITY

Students eligible for this program have demonstrated their ability to achieve grade levels necessary for success and integration into mainstream secondary school. They demonstrate the potential to access the academic opportunities to be successful in secondary school and beyond. These students may be at risk of underachieving or disengaging without this program due to barriers with communication and/or social skills limiting their full access to the wider curriculum.

An applicant will need to meet the following criteria:

1. Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (reports from Pediatrician, Psychologist and Speech Pathologist) without an intellectual disability diagnosis
2. Academically capable of understanding and coping with grade level content and tasks
3. Manages behaviour independently or through the use of predetermined prompts and strategies
4. Independently manages personal care requirements

## PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Parents who are expressing interest in the Specialised Learning Program for Autism at Baldivis Secondary College will need to follow the timeline below and attach the appropriate documents:

- Expression of Interest closes - **Friday, 19 May 2023** (Term 2 -Week 4)
- Assessment of Expression of Interest - Term 2 (Weeks 5-6)
- SLP staff observation of student in current school – Term 2 (Weeks 6-10)
- Panel assessment finalised and parents notified in writing – **Friday, 18 August 2023** (Term 3- Week 5)
- Orientation days in SLP in Term 4 - To be advised





Baldyvis Secondary College acknowledges and  
pays respect to the past, present and future  
Traditional Custodians and Elders of this land, the  
Noongar people.



**Baldyvis**  
*Secondary College*

Stillwater Drive BALDIVIS WA 6171

Telephone: (08) 9523 3600 Email: [baldyvis@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:baldyvis@education.wa.edu.au)

[www.baldyvis.wa.edu.au](http://www.baldyvis.wa.edu.au)