**Student Support at Taranganba State School**

Our students are supported in a number of ways at Taranganba State School.

**Students with a Disability**

Verified students can access support from the Special Education Program. Depending on the learning, social or physical needs of the student, support may range from teacher aide support in the classroom or at playtime or intensive support that may require withdrawal from the mainstream classrooms.

All verified students have an Individual Learning Plan that comprehensively states the academic level the student is working at and therefore assessed at and also the adjustments made to the students program. Support may change during the year depending on the needs of the student. Communication with parents is paramount with students to ensure every student is improving and achieving.

**Academic Support**

Some students may be identified as requiring support in literacy and numeracy as remediation or extension. Information from NAPLAN, school wide tests and classroom data is gathered and meetings are held with the Deputy Principal and learning support teachers to develop programs to address these needs.

Programs are developed and may be delivered by learning support or extension teachers or teacher aides. Programs usually run for a semester.

Students are required to regularly attend school to be part of these programs. If students do not show improvement further investigation may be needed. These students may be referred to the Student Welfare Action Team or SWAT.

**SWAT – Student Welfare Action Team**

This Team meets weekly to monitor the support of students. From these meetings students may be referred to the Guidance Officer, Chaplain, Behaviour Support Team or Speech Therapist. Parental contact and permission is sought for all referrals.

The Student Welfare Action Team consists of the Deputy Principals, Guidance Officer, Learning Support Teachers and HOSES. Classroom teachers may also attend to refer and discuss students in their class.

**Guidance Officer**

Luke Wilson is Taranganba’s Guidance Officer. Luke is at Taranganba every Monday, Tuesday, Friday and alternate Thursdays. Luke can be contacted on the school administration’s number. Guidance Office referrals are available from the administration. Please make an appointment with the Deputy Principal or alternatively with your child’s class teacher to discuss your child’s needs.
**Speech Therapist**

A Speech Therapist visits our school several times a term. Yvette Arundel assesses students, provides programs to implement at home and at school and supports students with intensive needs.

A referral form for speech therapist assessment is available from the office. Please make an appointment with the Deputy Principal. Students are also identified through the classroom teacher. They will contact you to discuss options and referrals.

**School Chaplain**

Taranganba has the services of a Chaplain every Tuesday and Wednesday. Karenne Brown or Chappy Karenne provides emotional, social and spiritual support for students and staff at our school. Chappy Karenne assists with a number of programs across the school supporting students. If your child requires ongoing support, please contact administration. Further information is provided in the Chaplain Brochure.

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