

One Plan

Information for carers



As a carer, you play an important role in supporting the educational outcomes of the child or young person in your care. One of the tools that can support a child or young person's education is the One Plan.

The One Plan is a personalised learning plan that contains information to support a child or young person's inclusion and achievement in preschool and school. As a priority group, all children and young people in care are expected to have a One Plan. The One Plan replaces a range of different education and learning plans that government schools have previously used like the Individual Education Plan (IEP), and brings them together into one document.



What information is in the One Plan?

The One Plan includes information on:

- The views of teachers, the child or young person, the DCP caseworker, carer and other service providers about the child or young person's strengths, interests, motivations and aspirations
- The learning aims and goals of the child or young person, including any adjustments required
- The support provided by the preschool or school, including details of who will provide the support, the frequency of support and the nature of the support
- Any external services that are engaged with the child or young person (e.g. NDIS)
- Any additional information and agreed actions from all involved.

The child or young person's preschool or school will prepare a One Plan at the start of the school year or following enrolment. The One Plan is developed in partnership with the child's teacher, DCP caseworker, yourself as a carer, and anyone else you wish to attend (such as a family member or friend, interpreter, advocate, Aboriginal worker or support service). The child or young person will be involved in developing the plan.

It is a working document that is reviewed and updated throughout the year, and is completed entirely online.

You will receive a printed copy of the One Plan once it has been endorsed and the child or young person's case worker will keep a copy of the One Plan on file too.



What are the benefits of the One Plan?

For the child or young person, the One Plan:

- Provides information about their progress
- Provides an opportunity to voice, share and record their interests, strengths, motivations and aspirations

- Personalises their goals and any adjustments to the curriculum, environment, or teaching
- Supports transfer of information to other preschools or schools if the child or young person is transitioning.

For you as a carer, the One Plan:

- Includes your views about the child or young person's learning, their strengths, interests, motivation and aspirations
- Supports effective communication
- Documents agreed actions
- Supports and documents the child or young person's learning.



What is my role in the One Plan?

Your input into the development of the child or young person's One Plan is invaluable. You will be asked to attend planning and review meetings and endorse the One Plan before it is published.

You can also help by:

- Supporting the child or young person in your care to participate in the development of their plan
- Sharing any issues with the preschool or school and your DCP caseworker that may impact on the child or young person's ability to learn
- Asking the DCP caseworker, preschool or school for information to ensure that the supports in the child or young person's One Plan are implemented and achieved
- Attending parent-teacher meetings which provide an opportunity to talk about progress
- Keeping records of things like learning and support planning documentation, school reports, awards and certificates.

For more information on the One Plan please contact the child or young person's DCP caseworker.

