

STUDENT OUTREACH SERVICE

Using an evidenced based approach to student behaviour support, the SOS will provide referring schools, school personnel, referred students and their parents /carers with behaviour support recommendations that will enable the student to continue to improve their learning outcomes both behaviourally and academically.

The Student Outreach Service Mission Statement

Our Programs

The Student Outreach Service (S.O.S.) offers a range of support programs to students who are at risk of disengagement from mainstream education settings.

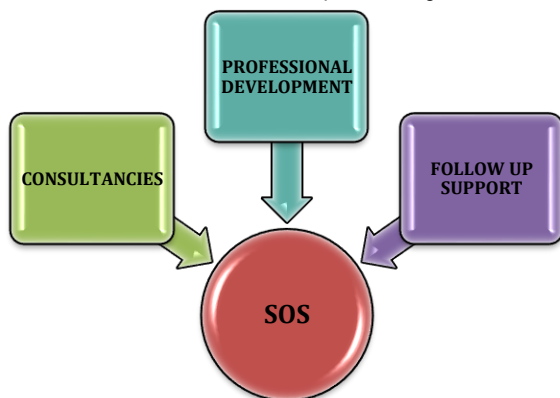
Outreach

The Student Outreach Service (SOS) is for students who are beginning to manifest high levels of social, emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Nominated SOS team members work with students, teachers, parent/carers and relevant agencies on individual support programs within the students' own classrooms. These programs are aimed at improving and increasing the social and emotional wellbeing of the student as well as facilitating pro-social behaviours.

In addition, the Student Outreach Service (SOS) offers supplementary programs and services to schools including:

- Follow up support services
- Consultancies and
- A suite of Professional Development Programs



Follow Up Support

As distinct from a single session consultancy, SOS staff members will conduct post service follow up support within 10 weeks of cessation of service support.

SOS staff members follow up to:

- Check on the progress of the referred student
- Check on the effectiveness of the SOS behaviour support recommendations, including any issues concerning the implementation and evaluation of the recommendations.
- Offer further advice and recommendations

Professional Development

The SOS offers a suite of Professional Development Sessions based upon the needs of the referred student which may include:

- mainstream school environment
- Supporting students diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)
- Supporting students diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD)
- Supporting students diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Supporting executive functioning and metacognition of students
- The SOS can customize any of our existing professional development sessions to meet the specific needs of schools.

Referral Process

Students are referred to the SOS primarily from DET Southern Metropolitan Region primary schools. Students may be referred to the program at any time and applications are considered on a case by case basis.

Referrals need to be completed in full by the base school (Principal, Assistant Principal, Well- being coordinator) and endorsed by the SSO attached to the school.

There are a number of prerequisites required for successful referral of students. They are:

- The parents/care givers must agree to their child being included in the Student Outreach Service as the success of the service hinges on cooperation and consistency between the home and school environments.
- The signing of the SOS placement package, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of all parties, involved in the support of the student prior to the commencement of service delivery.

Along with the completion of the referral document, the following information is required to support the referral:

1. CURRENT Cognitive assessment e.g. W.I.S.C., W.P.P.S.I. (less than 2 years old)
2. Appropriate behavioural assessments to be provided e.g. Achenbach
3. A current positive Behaviour Support Plan and Individual Learning Plan
4. A staged response document and where applicable,
5. A SOS Multi-referral form
6. Any significant information that may affect the support of the SOS

SOS Placements

Placements are usually in blocks of ten school weeks (or over one to two terms) depending on the needs of the student. Regular reviews of the student's program will indicate the need or suitability for further placements. The referring school participates in these reviews together with the parents/care-givers, S.O.S teacher, Student Services and other relevant agencies.

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