



# School Attendance Support Program.

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The School Attendance Support Program (SASP) aims to support children and their families to improve primary school attendance.

SASP is funded by Communities for Children Cranbourne and supports families when children are starting to display early signs of school refusal behaviour.

## Who is SASP for

Primary school students attending school in Cranbourne, Clyde and Clyde North areas who are experiencing early signs of school disengagement.

SASP is a voluntary service with referrals accepted from families, schools and other community services.

## When to engage with SASP

The earlier you are able seek out support for children who are showing early indicators for school disengagement the better. Early indications of school disengagement may include:

- Showing signs of distress at school.
- Spending more time in wellbeing.
- Increased levels of anxiety and worry.
- Peer issues, social isolation or bullying.
- Feeling sick (headaches, stomach aches).
- Increased amount of time off for illness.
- Changes in sleep and morning routine.



## How can SASP help

SASP assists families to understand the barriers to their child's school engagement, and work collaboratively to support early and sustainable change.

A SASP worker will support families through home and school visits to explore the barriers being faced by each individual family and tailor supports.

A SASP Worker may:

- Support the development of a routine.
- Work with children one-on-one to promote their wellbeing.
- Advocate and provide information for other services if appropriate.
- Work with parents and caregivers around exploring strategies to improve their child's school attendance.
- Help develop return to school plans with families and schools.

## How to access SASP

Get in touch with us if you have any questions or would like to make a referral.

Phone: 9704 8377

Email: [connections.sasp@vt.uniting.org](mailto:connections.sasp@vt.uniting.org)

## Cost

No charge.

## Further Information

SASP in the Cranbourne, Clyde and Clyde North area is aiming to support families earlier before situations worsen and become more complex. However, there are other supports available in the community that may be able to assist families if school non-attendance has increased significantly and the situation has become more complex. Please find below useful information and supports:

### Local GP / Doctor:

Access to paediatrician, psychologist, or other specialist medical supports.

### The Orange Door

(Family Services/Family Violence):

1800 271 170

### Early in Life Mental Health Services

(ELMHS):

(Early childhood mental health support)

1300 369 012

### NDIS Early Childhood Partner

(Children under 9 years):

1800 546 532

### NDIS Local Area Coordinator

(children over 9 years):

1800 242 696

Useful information and strategies for parents:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-refusal/school-refusal#signs-of-school-refusal-nav-title>