



Externally Funded Therapy and Allied Health Providers (EFSP) in Schools Policy

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1. Introduction and Purpose

CSPD recognises that Externally Funded Therapy and Allied Health Providers (EFSP) provide a very important support of children's development, however, CSPD does not support for these activities to take place in schools.

2. Scope

This policy applies to any Externally Funded Therapy and Allied Health Providers (EFSP). Such services may include those services funded through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

3. Definitions

CSPD means the Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese and includes the CSO and schools.

NDIS refers to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

PPSD refers to a Personalised PPlan for Students with Disability.

Student means the child/young person enrolled into a CSPD system school.

4. Detailed Information

- 4.1. EFSP services do not have an automatic right of access to a student in a CSPD school, even if the provider is already delivering a service to the student outside of school
- 4.2. The collaboration and exchange of information between EFSP and schools, after written consent has been given by parents/carers/guardians, is desirable. For example, with parent permission, a student's psychologist or speech therapist may consult with the school to provide expert advice and support the personalised planning process.
- 4.3. EFSP will not be able to operate in CSPD schools for the following reasons:

- 4.3.1. duty of care obligations towards all students and staff
 - 4.3.2. Child Protection accountabilities and responsibilities for the principal to manage
 - 4.3.3. ensuring the health and safety of all individuals on school grounds
 - 4.3.4. the disruption/ impact on the student's learning due to missed learning time
 - 4.3.5. unintended adverse consequences for other students, staff and the general running of the school
 - 4.3.6. the service provided by the EFSP may not be considered best practice therapy or is not compatible with the student's educational needs as outlined in their Personalised Plan for Students with Disability (PPSD)
 - 4.3.7. turnover of EFSP or their staff delivering a service to a student and the demand on the school to accommodate the delivery of that service
 - 4.3.8. significant concerns about the quality of service provision
 - 4.3.9. services not being delivered according to the External Provider Engagement Agreement.
- 4.4. Exceptional circumstances can be discussed with the Principal, Director Strategic Delivery or Head Student Services.
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5. Related documents

Procedures for Enrolment of Students with Disability and Complex Needs who meet Diocesan criteria for Enrolment & for whom Schools require Additional Support (internal doc).

6. Further information

Further information on this policy can be directed to the Enterprise Service Desk on (02) 9840 5620 or via email esd@parra.catholic.edu.au or the ESD Self Service Portal.
