

## IMPORTANT STEPS AND CALENDAR FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 2020

### NOW

1. Make yourself known at your **local mainstream [Gov] school** – confirm you have a prospective 2020 prep enrolment and would like to complete a **Program for Students with Disabilities – ASD application**.
2. Attend an **open day or tour** during 2019 at the Laverton or Niddrie campus of Western Autistic School.
3. Fill in an **Expression of Interest Form** for Western Autistic School [this is not an enrolment form].

### NEXT

- Continue to engage in the application process at your closest local primary school and lodge a Program for Students with Disabilities – ASD. Families can start this process straight away – the earlier the better.
- Take all documentation that you currently have relevant to your child’s diagnosis. This may include:
  - A multidisciplinary assessment of ASD. This means a Paediatrician, a Psychologist and a Speech Pathologist must all concur that the student has ASD
  - A current signed report from a Speech Pathologist containing a comprehensive language assessment (not more than 1 year old) – this can be obtained at the Local Primary School. This assessment must indicate that the child has a Core Language Score of 70 or below.
  - A Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Score of 70 or below.

Further information on the Program for Students with Disabilities can be found via the following link:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/additional-needs/Pages/disability-students-program.aspx>

Your child’s application will be submitted through the local mainstream [Gov] school. This means he/she will have a Provisional Enrolment at this local school and if the child receives PSD funding you can start the enrolment process with Western Autistic School all before the start of the 2020 school year. Any decision about final school enrolment is **the parent’s choice**.

### TIMING OF NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION OUTCOMES

For complete applications received by the key dates below, the following table provides an overview of when outcome notifications will be made available to Principals.

Application type	Application received by:	School to be notified:	Funded in 2019 or 2020: (if eligible)
<b>New applications</b> for new students to Victorian government schools <small>(i.e. Preps beginning in 2020 and transfers from other systems not previously receiving individual funding)</small>	11 October 2019	8 November 2019	2020
	8 November 2019	6 December 2019	
	7 February 2020	28 February 2020	

All requests for PSD applications for prep students in 2020 must be submitted to the local primary school and received by the Department of Education and Training prior to the closing date for applications of **28/02/2020 – Census**.