



# Disability Policy and Programs PARENT FORUM

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

## Program for the Day

The forum is to inform and engage with parents or carers about the services and support available for children and young people with a disability and to listen to the voices of their families.

- 9:30 – 10:00** Sign on through SERU reception  
Meet & greet, tea or coffee in Fulham Gardens Primary School Performing Arts Centre
- 10:00 – 10:30** Welcome *Ann-Marie Hayes, Executive Director, Early Years and Child Development*  
Acknowledgement of Country  
2019 and beyond: Setting the scene for the year  
*Ian May, Director, Disability Policy and Programs*
- 10:30 - 12:00** The Inclusive Education Support Program – the new funding model  
*Cathy Clark, Project Implementation Manager – Preschool and School Funding Reform*  
Table talk and sharing
- 12:00 – 12:30** Lunch provided *Complete a nomination form to be a Parent Reference Group Member*
- 12:35 – 1:05** Workshop session 1 (Select one)
- A. Bullying a whole school approach - *Karen Robinson, Student Wellbeing Leader, Port Elliot Primary*
  - B. First time attendees; working through the maze - *Kerry Parker, Assistant Director, Disability & Learning*
  - C. Interoception - *Kelly Vincent, Senior Advisor Neurodiversity*
  - D. Visit Special Education Resource Unit - *Anne Arnold, Senior Advisor Teaching and Learning*
  - E. Anxiety and mental health – *Kelly Vincent, Senior Advisor Neurodiversity*
  - F. Post school options; hot topics – *Sharon Jackson, Manager, Transition Centres*
  - G. Deaf Culture - *Donovan Cresdee, Sign Language Australia*
  - H. Social skills strategies - *Libby Brown, Manager Special Education Resource Unit*
- 1:05 – 1:15** Move to next workshop session
- 1:15 – 1:45** Workshop session 2 (All workshops repeated - Select one)
- 1:45 – 2:00** Move back to Performing Arts Centre for summary and close of the day

## Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum Workshop overviews

Select two workshops to attend in the afternoon:

- A. **Bullying a whole school approach** – Karen Robinson, Student Wellbeing Leader, Port Elliot Primary School  
Hear the strategies one school uses to provide a whole school team approach to address bullying and look after the wellbeing of all the children in their care.
- B. **First time attendees; working through the maze** – Kerry Parker, Assistant Director, Disability and Learning  
Is this your first Parent Forum; are there questions you would like to ask or topics you would like to know about?
- C. **Interoception** – Kelly Vincent, Senior Advisor Neurodiversity (one workshop only 12:35 - 1:05)  
Find out more about interoception a lesser known sense that helps you understand and feel what is going on inside your body. How you can as a parent support interoception with your child.
- D. **Visit Special Education Resource Unit** - Anne Arnold, Senior Advisor Teaching and Learning  
Take the opportunity to browse through the resources and borrow resources that you can share with your child, become a member and find out what SERU offers
- E. **Anxiety and mental health** – Kelly Vincent, Senior Advisor Neurodiversity (one workshop only 1:15 - 1:45) Listen to a brief introduction to and discussion about anxiety and mental health difficulties. Share your experiences what works for you? Look at new strategies that could be helpful.
- F. **Post School Options – hot topics** – Sharon Jackson, Manager Transition Centres  
Come and share your thoughts or experiences in transition planning in the senior secondary years.  
What has worked well?  
Which aspects can we improve?  
Have you any words of wisdom to other families?  
How is your child adjusting?  
A facilitated discussion welcoming diverse views and open sharing!
- G. **Deaf Culture** – Donovan Cresdee, Sign Language Australia
- H. **Social Skills strategies** – Libby Brown, Manager, Special Education Resource Unit  
The session will look at the hierarchy of social skills and look at why a child might behave the way they do and then explore how you as a parent can support your child to develop the skills they need.  
Libby is an educational psychologist and the manager of SERU.