WARRAH
SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Eligibility Criteria

Funding for Warrah Specialist School from the NSW Department of Education is dependent on a current assessment of a student's intellectual disability.

Warrah Specialist School welcomes all children with a disability. Recent enrolments have included students with Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, global developmental delay, Costello syndrome, as well as autism, amongst other disabilities.

Funding is based on the formal assessment of disability, provided by a specialist medical practitioner or psychologist. Funding is scaled according to the level of disability.

Evidence of eligibility as required by the NSW Department Education is based on the following:

To meet criteria for moderate or severe intellectual disability, students must have a full-scale IQ score of approximately three to four standard deviations below the mean on an approved individual test of intelligence. There must be information on the assessment of adaptive skills and school performance (where applicable) consistent with, or below this range of scores.

Students with autism must have a current report (no older than two years) from a specialist medical practitioner or registered psychologist with appropriate clinical experience.

The report must detail the nature of the student's disorder. Documented evidence must indicate a developmental disability affecting verbal and non-verbal communication and social interaction, which significantly affects the child's ability to learn. There must be information of a functional assessment consistent with the student's disorder. The report must have a DSM-5 diagnosis. The DSM-5 essential diagnostic features of autism spectrum disorder are now: persistent impairment in reciprocal social communication and social interaction, and restricted, repetitive patterns of behaviour, interests, or activities. These symptoms are present from early childhood and limit or impair everyday functioning.

For questions about the eligibility criteria, please contact the Principal, on 02 9651 2411 or admin@warrahspecialistchool.nsw.edu.au.