

Educating The Whole Student

Our students will engage in a safe and supportive learning environment that will enhance relationships, social and emotional skills and support their transition to education and vocation.

The Austin School's Values are:

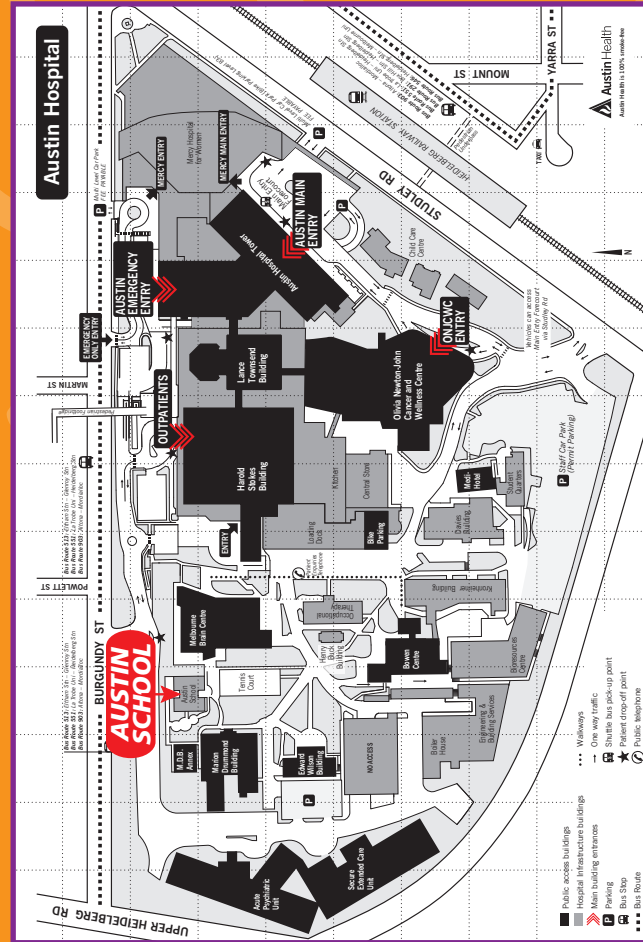


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whilst your child is attending CIP at The Austin School, feel free to contact us regarding your child's education and schooling.

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WHERE TO FIND US



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General Information

The Austin School provides a specialized educational program for children who are inpatients of the Statewide Child Inpatient Mental Health Service. This is based within the Austin Hospital. It is called the Child Inpatient Unit.

The children are aged between 5 and 12 and attend a daily program at the school which is located adjacent to the Inpatient Unit.

The children work in a multi-age classroom with a team of teachers. A therapy dog also spends time in the classroom.

Referrals to this program are accepted from any Child Youth Mental Health Service in Victoria, Southern NSW, and Tasmania, or from private child psychiatrists.

Teachers in the school program observe each students' behaviour in the classroom, and then provide appropriate educational activities designed to assist in the development of socially appropriate behaviours.

Liaison

During the admission an Austin School teacher will liaise with:

- Teachers from the home school; who are consulted and informed about the child's academic progress, behaviour, social skills and self-esteem
- Parents; who are encouraged to be actively involved with any issues relevant to the educational program of their child

Liaison may also occur between the Austin teacher and:

- Community Support Agencies
- Regional Office Personnel from the Department of Education who may assist in finding appropriate school placements where necessary
- Wellbeing Officers, School Psychologists and Social Workers who can provide support in school

Contact with schools is maintained through visits, telephone, email and video conferencing.

Liaison is fundamental to the development of a consistent approach to meet student needs and achieve successful re-integration of students back into their home school.

Program Information

The teachers are members of the Child Inpatient team, which includes: child psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, speech therapists, medical and psychiatric nursing staff. The team works together to provide an integrated multidisciplinary program.

Individualised and co-operative educational programs are developed for each student based on their specific needs and interests.

Each child is allocated a teacher who has the responsibility to liaise with the child's home school and with the clinical mini team.

Enrolment Procedure

Parents/guardians must complete an enrolment form before the student can attend the CIP classroom.