

St Agnes' Parish Secondary Schools'

Satellite Class 2015

INTRODUCTION

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is the country's largest not-for-profit autism specific service provider. Aspect builds confidence and capacity in people with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their families and communities by providing information, education and other services. Established in 1966, Aspect's specialised evidence-based autism educational program is amongst the largest in the world.

Aspect Hunter School operates from an administration base at Thornton and has a number of classes across the Hunter Region and in Port Macquarie at St Joseph's Primary School with our Rock Pool classes. We are currently establishing a High School class in collaboration with St Paul's High School in Port Macquarie and are taking applications for enrolment for Year 7 for 2015.

The Model

It is envisaged that students enrolled in the St Paul's Satellite class program will have the capacity to participate in most of the schools education program. At the same time the students will receive support from Aspect staff to help them complete the work load and to negotiate the social realms high school life has to offer.

There will be times when Aspect students will need a break from the mainstream program and will have the opportunity to recharge their social batteries or seek help with assignments in the Aspect home room. There may be times when a student needs assistance with understanding the complex world of teenage social interaction. Again this assistance can be provided in the home room as needed.

All Aspect students will be working toward and assessed under the ROSA program.

Students in Satellite Classes

Selection of students for enrolment in the satellite class is the responsibility of Aspect. Some students will have previously had placement at one of Aspect's primary classes, whilst others will move directly from the school waiting list into a satellite class. Students remain on the roll of the Aspect school while they are enrolled in the satellite class. Families can apply for transport to school through the NSW Department of Education & Training subsidised transport scheme operated for students with special needs, as they are part of Aspect's school.

Students and staff are required to comply with the school policies and procedures of St Paul's and Aspect Hunter School.

Fees

Aspect school fees are reviewed each year and are approximately \$4800 per year. St Paul's subject and excursion fees (approximately \$450 per year) are payable in addition to the Aspect School fees. Fee payment is compulsory.

More Information

If you would like more information please contact Mark Durie via email mdurie@autismspectrum.org.au