



School Attendance Support Program.

Cranbourne, Clyde and Clyde North

The School Attendance Support Program (SASP) is funded by Communities for Children Cranbourne and supports families to improve school engagement and attendance.

Who is SASP for

Families where there is a child who attends a primary school in Cranbourne, Clyde and Clyde North who are experiencing signs of school disengagement.

When to engage with SASP

The earlier you can seek out support for children who are showing indicators for school disengagement the better.

Early indications of school disengagement may include:

- Child requesting not to go to school and becoming distressed about attending.
- Showing signs of distress at school.
- Spending more time in wellbeing.
- Increased levels of anxiety and worry.
- Peer issues, social isolation or bullying.
- Feeling sick (headaches, stomach aches).
- Increased amount of time off for illness.
- Changes in sleep and morning routine.

How can SASP help

SASP assists families to understand the barriers to their child's school engagement and works collaboratively to support early and sustainable change.

A SASP worker will Listen and get to know families to support families with a tailored approach to suit each individual family's needs and goals. A SASP worker may:

- Help formulate a shared understanding of what the barriers to school attendance and engagement are.
- Provide practical parenting strategies, resources and information.
- Support the development of family routines, structure and boundaries.
- Work one on one with children to promote their wellbeing.
- Build positive connections between families and schools.
- Help develop return to school plans with families and schools.
- Connect families in with other useful support services available.

How to access SASP

SASP is a free and voluntary support service and accepts referrals from families, schools and other community services.

Phone: 9704 8377

Email: SASP.Cranbourne@vt.uniting.org

Cost

We are a free service.

Further information

There are other supports available in the community that may be able to assist families with school disengagement and non-attendance. Please find below useful information and supports:

Local GP / Doctor:

Access to paediatrician, psychologist, or other specialist medical supports.

The Orange Door

(Family Services/Family Violence):
1800 271 170

Early in Life Mental Health Services

(ELMHS):
1300 369 012

NDIS Early Childhood Partner

(Children under 9years):
1800 546 532

NDIS Local Area Coordinator

(children over 9 years):
1800 242 696

Useful information and strategies for Parents on the Raising Children's network:
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/>