

# Autism

## Specialised Learning Program



Expression of  
Interest 2027  
Submissions close  
Friday 22 May 2026



## About the program

Kiara College's Specialised Learning Program (SLP) for students with autism offers personalised support aimed at enhancing learning engagement, academic achievement and the development of adaptive skills.

The program is designed for autistic students in Years 7 - 12 who may be at risk of disengagement and underachievement, or facing challenges in learning and developing essential life skills.

The SLP focuses on overcoming barriers to learning and encourages participation in mainstream classrooms alongside their peers. Through tailoring individualised programs, the SLP aims to unlock each student's potential by nurturing organisational skills, enhancing social cognition, fostering positive peer relationships, and promoting emotional self-regulation. Ultimately, the program aims to facilitate students' academic success and overall learning capabilities.

The SLP does not operate as a unit or a separate school. Students are integrated into mainstream classes at Kiara College, continuing to attend alongside their peers while receiving the targeted support that they need through the SLP.

Within a model of support that embraces neurodiversity

## Eligibility

Students eligible for this program have a diagnosis, however may face barriers which impede their full access to the wider curriculum and put them at risk of underachievement or disengagement.

Please note that meeting eligibility criteria does not guarantee placement, as applications exceed available spots. Our assessment process is comprehensive, aimed at understanding each student's needs and determining how the SLP can support them in thriving throughout their educational journey. Current supporting information or updated medical reports will be requested to assist in this assessment.

Students eligible for enrolment in the SLP: Autism will meet the following eligibility criteria:

affirming practices and responsive, evidence-based educational programming, the SLP aims to enrich the educational experience for autistic students. This initiative focuses on:

- Enhancing attendance and retention rates
- Improving curriculum access and engagement
- Promoting positive academic and non-academic outcomes
- Implementing early identification and targeted interventions to address academic and non-academic barriers, while recognising the unique learning needs of autistic students and tailoring instruction accordingly

Specialised Learning Programs facilitate collaborative approaches between schools and communities, encouraging a shared investment in outcomes for autistic students. They work to expand enrolment opportunities for autistic students and enhance whole-school knowledge regarding positive supports and evidence based practices. Specialised Learning Programs foster school-community partnerships and strengthen relationships between students, their families or caregivers, and the school. At Kiara College, the SLP will align with the school's vision of empowering all students to develop the skills and abilities necessary to become responsible, informed, and active citizens who contribute positively to society.

- Student is eligible for enrolment in Western Australian public schools in Years 7-12
- Student has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder without accompanying intellectual impairment
- Student has demonstrated the ability to work at, or near, year-level academic standard
- Student experiences significant social, emotional and/or behavioural issues and challenges directly related to their diagnosis of autism
- Student can independently self-manage personal care requirements; and
- Families can provide reliable transport to and from the school

## Process and timeline

A comprehensive evaluation process will determine the suitability of students who meet the eligibility criteria for 2027 admission to the Specialised Learning Program: Autism at Kiara College.

An estimated timeline will be as follows:

<b>Friday 22 May 2026</b>	Expressions of interest close. All required documentation is due by this date.
<b>Term 2 2026</b>	Evaluation of eligibility and suitability process takes place.
<b>Friday 21 August 2026</b>	Eligibility and suitability assessment is finalised. Letters of acceptance into the SLP: Autism are sent to students deemed both eligible and suitable.
<b>Term 4 2026</b>	SLP Orientation Days will take place. Exact dates will be confirmed in due course.

Please note: Identity-first language emphasises autism as inseparable from the person and an integral part of their identity, whereas person-first language suggests a separation between autism and the individual. For the purpose of this document we will use identity-first language while acknowledging individuals may prefer person-first language.

# Expression of interest 2027 intake

## Specialised Learning Program: Autism



Completed Expressions of Interest form and all supporting documentation to be submitted by **Friday 22 May 2026**.  
*This expression of interest applies to the 2027 school year intake only and will not be carried over to future years.*

### Student details

Full name	
Gender	Preferred name & pronouns
Date of birth	Current year group
Current school	Current teacher
Address	

### Parent/caregiver details

Parent/caregiver 1	Parent/caregiver 2
Full name	Full name
Relationship to student	Relationship to student
Phone	Phone
Email	Email
Address	Address

### Eligibility criteria

The student wishes to apply for the SLP: Autism at Kiara College and it can be confirmed that they meet the following eligibility criteria for entry into this program:

Please tick all that apply

Student is eligible for enrolment in Western Australian public schools in Years 7-12

Student has a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder without accompanying intellectual impairment Student has demonstrated the ability to work at, or near, year-level academic standard

Student experiences significant social, emotional and/or behavioural issues and challenges directly related to their diagnosis of autism

Student can independently self-manage personal care requirements

Families can provide reliable transport to and from the school

## Supporting documentation

The following current supporting documentation is attached to this application:

Please tick all that apply

- Medical diagnosis and documentation of autism spectrum disorder
- Diagnostic documentation of co-occurring conditions (if present) Copy of most recent school report
- Copy of most recent NAPLAN results



## Permission to release and/or exchange information

I (Parent/caregiver) \_\_\_\_\_ give permission to the agencies/people listed below to release and/or exchange information pertaining to (Student) \_\_\_\_\_.

- Kiara College
- Department of Education - SSEN Directorate
- Current primary school
- School psychology services
- Private medical specialist

## Parent/caregiver declaration

I understand that information pertaining to the student will be exchanged and shared for the purpose of determining suitability for enrolment or planning for the student's progress at school. Information obtained will be kept in the strictest confidence.

This permission form will remain valid for the period of the student's enrolment. Should I wish for this agreement to cease or would like to discuss the manner in which information is shared, I will contact Kiara College in writing through the Program Coordinator of the Specialised Learning Program: Autism. If this application is successful I acknowledge that ongoing participation in the program will depend on:

- Participation in a formal review process conducted annually to map the student's progress against success criteria and review ongoing program suitability to meet their needs
- Participation in a formal person-centred planning program to assess the plan for the student's senior school and post-school pathway
- The student exiting the program and transitioning into the mainstream school when they meet the success criteria
- Engagement with and support of the goals and aims of the SLP: Autism

**I declare that all information provided on this application is true and correct**

**Signature of parent/caregiver:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Applications can be submitted by email to [kiara.college@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:kiara.college@education.wa.edu.au) or delivered to **Kiara College, 368 Benara Road, Kiara WA 6064**

## Kiara College key contacts

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