



*To ensure that Student support needs, including academic, personal support and language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) needs, are identified and that Student support is allocated on the basis of identifiable requirements, does not compromise safety, and improves Student outcomes.*

ALATA is dedicated to identifying Student Support requirements wherever they exist. ALATA also recognises the right of Students not to disclose conditions or circumstances which may warrant support.

To ensure that privacy is protected and that support needs can be identified quickly and effectively the principal source of information used for determining support requirements is the Enrolment Form. If you indicate on your Enrolment Form that you have a possible Student Support requirement, ALATA staff will contact you to discuss it further.

You may also self-identify as having a Student Support requirement. If you do this ALATA will begin the discussion with you about what support may be offered.

To ensure that we provide the highest level of support, ALATA will work with the following organisations:

Organisation	Organisation
Victorian Aboriginal Education Association	VicDeaf
Vision Australia	BrainLink
Learning Difficulties Australia	Scope
Disability Intake and Response Service	Department of Human Services
Centre for Developmental Disability Health Victoria	Yooralla Community Learning and Living Centre
SANE Helpline	AREFEMI (Association of Relatives and Friends of the Emotionally and Mentally Ill)
Mental Health Foundation Australia (Victoria)	Dyslexia Australia

Some support services may attract additional fees. If this is the case, you will be notified of the services to be offered and the fees which you will incur prior to the services being commenced.

For more information, please refer to the attached Appendix

For more information, please contact ALATA on:

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**Tel:** +61(3) 9670 8893

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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**



Over time and across Australia, generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have experienced trauma, grief and loss. Psychological distress is high amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and this is exacerbated by ongoing social and health factors. The Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated is the peak Koorie community organisation for education and training in Victoria. They work for our community to build success in education and training.

Victorian Aboriginal Education Association  
Phone (03) 9480 0800  
Fax: (03) 9481 4072  
Email [vaeai@vaeai.org.au](mailto:vaeai@vaeai.org.au)  
Website <http://www.vaeai.org.au/>

## Deaf or Hearing Impaired

At Vicdeaf, their vision is to achieve access and equity for deaf and hard of hearing Victorians. They are a progressive community service organisation striving to provide relevant, responsive and accessible services. Established in 1884, they are still the primary source of reference, referral, advice and support for deaf and hard of hearing adults in Victoria. To achieve access and equity for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, they engage and work collaboratively with community, government and private sector organisations.

VicDeaf  
Phone (03) 9473 1118  
TTY (03) 9473 1199  
Fax (03) 9473 1144  
Email [slcvc@vicdeaf.com.au](mailto:slcvc@vicdeaf.com.au)  
Website [www.vicdeaf.com.au](http://www.vicdeaf.com.au)

## Blind or Vision Impaired

Vision Australia is a leading national provider of blindness and low vision services in Australia. They work in partnership with Australians who are blind or have low vision to help them achieve the possibilities they choose in life. They support more than 27,500 people of all ages and life stages, and circumstances. They do this through 28 Vision Australia centres in Victoria, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia; 30 clinics; and through outreach programs in the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

They are a not-for-profit organisation and a major participant and partner in the international blindness community.

## Vision Australia

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Website [www.visionaustralia.org](http://www.visionaustralia.org)

## Acquired Brain Disorder

BrainLink has experienced staff who can provide you with information, resources and suggestions about learner’s situation either over the phone, email or face to face. Some of the issues that BrainLink can assist with include:

- Information about what services and support BrainLink offer to learners with an acquired brain disorder or injury;
- Practical information about what services are available to learners for people living with an acquired brain injury or disorder in their community and how they can access these services;
- Explanatory literature about acquired brain injury, stroke, progressive neurological disorders and brain tumour;
- A wide range of resources including fact sheets, booklets and books which are available to download, loan from the BrainLink library or purchase;
- Information and assistance when accessing and using respite services;
- Referral to local support groups for those living with or caring for a person with an acquired brain injury or disorder;
- Comprehensive presentations for professionals and the general public on BrainLink Services (resources included);
- Weekly statewide email network for professionals and individuals to receive information about what’s happening in the area of acquired brain disorders. To join this distribution list, or to advertise your news, contact BrainLink

BrainLink

Phone 1800 677 579

Fax: (03) 9845 2950

Website [www.brainlink.org.au](http://www.brainlink.org.au)

## Learning Difficulties

Learning Difficulties Australia(LDA) is an association of teachers and other professionals dedicated to assisting students with learning difficulties through effective teaching practices based on scientific research. The LDA Online Tutor Search is designed to allow users to search for specialist teachers with specific skills in teaching students with learning difficulties by location, year level, and areas of specialist expertise. The Tutor Search will then provide with a list of Consultant Tutors who meet the requirements as specified.

Phone (03) 9890 6138

Email [enquiries@ldaustralia.org](mailto:enquiries@ldaustralia.org)

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## Physical Disability

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Scope was established in 1948 by a group of families desperate for support for their children with cerebral palsy. Without a service provider who would take their children on, the families banded together to create a not-for-profit organisation that believed in the potential of every individual, regardless of the complexity of their disability. With this conviction, the Spastic Children’s Society of Victoria was born.

As the children they supported thrived and grew, so did the organisation. It extended its services to include adults with a disability and changed its name to the Spastic Society of Victoria. By 2001, the Spastic Society of Victoria was providing a wide range of services to more than 3500 people with a range of disabilities and support needs. To reflect this expansion, the organisation changed its name to Scope. They chose ‘Scope’ as it upheld the core belief of their founding families — with the right support every person has scope to achieve their goals in life. Today, Scope supports more than 6000 people with a disability to lead the life they choose. They work with more than 1000 community organisations to help create welcoming and inclusive communities for people with a disability. Through best practice research and innovation, they provide leadership to both state and federal governments in policy development and sector reform. At Scope, they see the person not the disability.

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Phone (03) 9843 3000  
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Email [contact@scopevic.org.au](mailto:contact@scopevic.org.au)  
Website [www.scopevic.org.au](http://www.scopevic.org.au)

### Intellectual disability

A person with an intellectual disability may have difficulty learning and managing daily living skills. This is due to impaired cognitive (thought-related) processing before the age of 18 years, resulting in an IQ below 70. However, everyone is unique. How a person functions in their daily life depends on many factors, not just their IQ level. Characteristics of people with an intellectual disability

Every person is unique, with their own personality and areas of ability and areas of difficulty. Generally, a person with an intellectual disability:

- learns and processes information more slowly than people without an intellectual disability
- has difficulty with abstract concepts, such as money and time
- has difficulty understanding the subtleties of interpersonal interactions.

Disability Intake and Response Service Tel. 1800 783 783, TTY 1800 008 149  
Your Department of Human Services regional office  
[www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/disability](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/disability)  
Centre for Developmental Disability Health Victoria Tel. (03) 9902 4467  
Scope Tel. (03) 9843 3000

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Yooralla Community Learning and Living Centre Tel. (03)9666 4500, TTY (03) 9916 5899

## Mental illness

Mental illness is a general term for a group of illnesses that may include psychotic or changed mood symptoms. Mental illness can make it difficult for someone to cope with work, relationships and other demands. The relationship between stress and mental illness is complex, but it is known that stress can worsen an episode of mental illness. Most people can control their mental illness with medication, counselling or both.

### Where to get help

Local community mental health service

SANE Helpline Tel. 1800 187 263

AREFEMI (Association of Relatives and Friends of the Emotionally and Mentally Ill) Tel. (03) 9810 9300

Mental Health Foundation Australia (Victoria) Tel. (03) 9427 0406

## Dyslexia

People with dyslexia display some of the following signs:

- Confused by letters, numbers, words, sequences, or verbal explanations.
- Reading or writing shows repetitions, additions, transpositions, omissions, substitutions, and reversals in letters, numbers and/or words.
- Complains of feeling or seeing non-existent movement while reading, writing, or copying.
- Seems to have difficulty with vision, yet eye exams don't reveal a problem.
- Trouble learning Sight Words
- Reads and rereads with little comprehension.
- Spells phonetically and inconsistently.
- confusion or weakness with letter order within words

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Dyslexia Australia

4-B La Senda Court, Springwood, QLD 4127

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## Other Medical Conditions

There are various medical conditions that may impact on a student's study. Medical condition is a temporary or permanent condition that may be hereditary, genetically acquired or of unknown origin. The condition may not be obvious or readily identifiable, yet may be mildly or severely debilitating and result in fluctuating levels of wellness and sickness, and/or periods of hospitalisation; for example,

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asthma, diabetes, kidney disorders, cystic fibrosis, back injury, cancer, hepatitis, chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), HIV/AIDS and etc.

Depending on the nature of the medical condition, the Management will seek advice from appropriate medical/support groups/ government agencies for deciding on the course of action to be taken for deciding on the suitability or otherwise for admission into the chosen courses. An alternative course may also be suggested.

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