



How to make education better

Australian Coalition for Inclusive Education



Easy English



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.



We will write contact information at the end of this book.

About this book



This book is from Australian Coalition for Inclusive Education or ACIE.



This book is about how we want to make education better for students with disability.



Students with disability have a **right** to education.

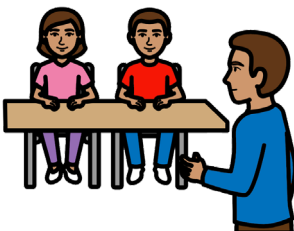


Rights are things that everyone should be able to

- have



- get



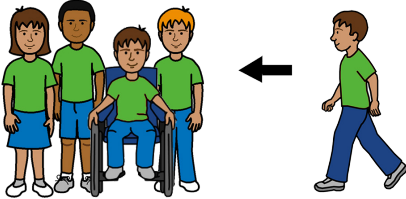
- do.

Schools should be inclusive



Inclusive schools mean

- everyone is welcome



- everyone can join in.



Inclusive schools can help students with disability do well at school.



To help schools be inclusive

- teachers should know how to support students with disability



- students should be able to tell schools about problems and get them fixed



- the government should write a plan that tells schools how to be inclusive.

Schools should stop segregation



We think **segregation** does **not** help students with disability.



Segregation is when schools keep students with disability away from other students.



To help **stop** segregation

- schools should learn why segregation does **not** help students with disability



- students with disability could help plan new ways to teach students all together



- schools should have classes that are for all students.



In time there should be no more special schools for students with disability.

Schools should help students with disability finish school



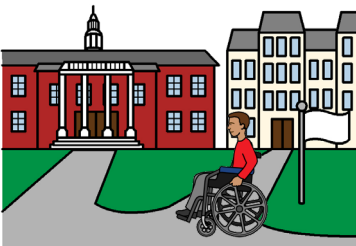
We want more students with disability to finish year 12 at school.



Students who finish year 12 can

- get a job

- go to university



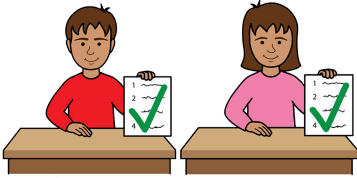
- go to **TAFE**

- TAFE is a place students can learn new skills after high school



- do job training.

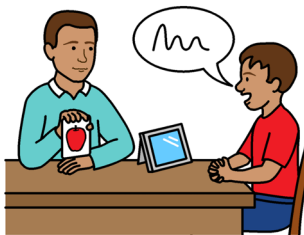
To help more students with disability finish year 12



- schools should plan learning that is right for each student



- teachers should know how to make classes more inclusive

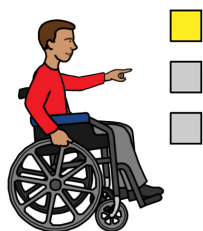


- students need the right supports for their disability
 - for example, help with communication



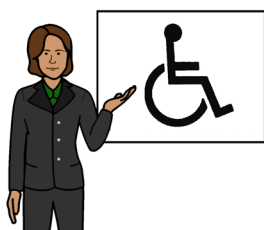
- students with disability should learn the same things all students learn.

Schools should be fairer



Students with disability have the right to go to the school they want.

It is **disability discrimination** if a school does **not** let a student in because of their disability.



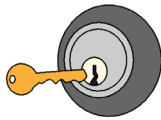
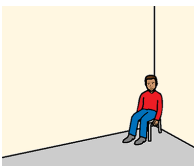
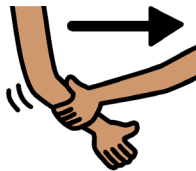
To help make schools fairer

- we should help students and families know about disability discrimination
- schools should have to say why they did **not** take a student
- schools should have a mix of students
- we should say well done to inclusive schools.



Schools should stop using restrictive practices

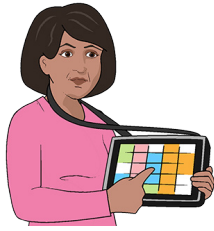
We think **restrictive practices** stop students with disability getting their rights to education.



Restrictive practices mean things like

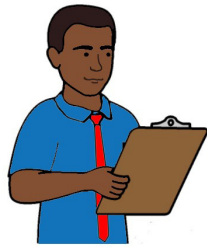
- a strap to stop someone moving
- holding someone to stop them moving
- locking a room to stop someone getting out
- medicine to make someone calm.

We want schools to **stop** restrictive practices.



To help stop restrictive practices

- teachers should be trained in better ways to work with students with disability



- an outside person should check on restrictive practices at the school



- schools should help students with disability tell them if there is a problem



- schools should know why restrictive practices are **not** safe

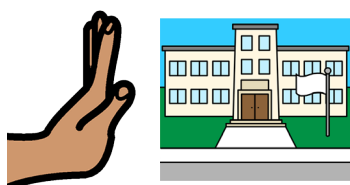


- schools should follow rules about restrictive practices.

We should keep students going to school

Many students with disability get

- **suspended**
- **expelled.**



Suspended is when the school stops you going to school for a short time.



Expelled is when the school asks you to leave the school forever.

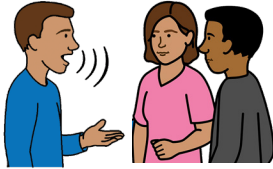


To help students with disability keep going to school we should talk about better ways to support them.

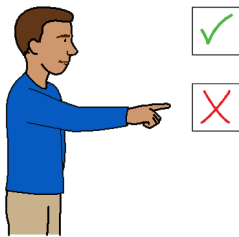


We think schools should

- talk about problems with students and families



- tell people how many students they suspend or expel



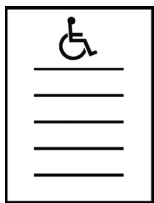
- only suspend or expel students if there is **no** other choice.

What will help change education?



To help make education better for students with disability we should

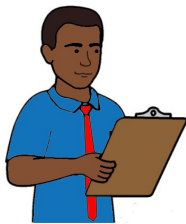
- listen to students with disability



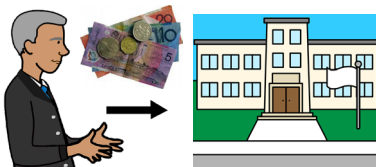
- change disability rules and laws



- make a plan about inclusive education



- check that schools follow the plan



- help schools get money to support students with disability.

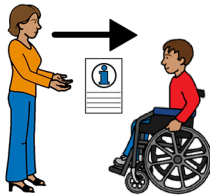


To help make education better for students with disability we should also

- show teachers the best ways to teach students with disability



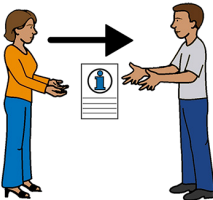
- have more teachers with disability.



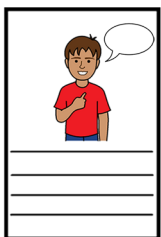
We should also support students and families.

For example

- give students information about their rights



- give parents information about rights



- give parents information about how to help their child talk about rights.



More information



For more information contact
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