Thank you for choosing the New South Wales Department of Education to deliver a quality education program to your child. If your child has a disability or additional learning and support needs, New South Wales government schools offer a range of programs and services to help your child get the most out of school. The term disability may include children with a language disorder, intellectual disability, physical disability, vision impairment, hearing impairment, mental health condition or autism.

All children, including those with a disability, are subject to the New South Wales Department of Education enrolment and admission policies. To find out more about going to a New South Wales government school, please visit education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school.

Children with a temporary resident visa are subject to additional requirements. To find out more about the Temporary Residents Program, please visit deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp.

Students with a disability are subject to specific assessment and placement procedures before acceptance and admission to an appropriate New South Wales government school. To find out more about the assessment and placement process, please visit Disability, learning and support at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/disability-learning-and-support

If your child is in Australia
If your child holds a temporary resident visa and resides in New South Wales, they will apply to enrol in the New South Wales government primary or secondary school closest to their residential address.

All temporary residents (including students with disabilities) must follow the application procedure in accordance with their visa subclass. The Temporary Resident Program administration fee and education fee may apply depending upon the visa subclass held by your child.

Enrolment is subject to your child’s eligibility to attend, the school area zoning and the capacity of the school to accommodate your child.

If your child is overseas
If your child is overseas and applying for a dependant student visa (subclass 500), the Department of Home Affairs may request confirmation a place is available in a New South Wales government school.

The Temporary Residents Program does not issue Confirmation of Placement documentation for students with a disability to support a visa application until appropriate assessment and placement is confirmed by Disability, learning and support.

For assistance, contact the Disability, learning and support state office on +61 2 9244 5085 or by email at disability.support@det.nsw.edu.au.

Disability, Learning & Support will consider your child’s specific additional education and support needs and inform the Temporary Residents Program if a place is available in a New South Wales government school. The Temporary Residents Program will then advise the applicant of arrangements to support the application for your child’s visa.

Need more information
To find out more about the Temporary Residents Program, please visit deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 300 229 (then option 1).