

Special Education Unit

Runcorn Secondary SEU is a team of dedicated teachers and teacher aides who collaborate with each other and other school staff to provide a diverse range of programs for students with hearing impairments (HI) or speech and language impairments (SLI). Educational settings may include mainstream classrooms, special education classrooms and work experience placements.

Mainstream Classrooms

- Deaf/HI and SLI students are supported in this learning environment by special education teachers and teacher aides, working collaboratively with the mainstream classroom teacher.
- Support strategies may include signing, notetaking, and individualised assistance.
- Special Considerations can be applied to cater for students learning needs in various subjects. For example, some students may require extra time to complete exams while others may require modified exams depending on the impact of their disability on their learning.

Special Education Classrooms

- Some Yr 8-10 Deaf students choose to complete their core subjects (Eg. English, Maths, HRE and Integrated Studies) in this environment with other Deaf peers and teachers with a Deaf education background.

Vocational Education

- Some Yr 11-12 Deaf students participate in a pre-vocational course where one teacher facilitates the majority of the program. Core subjects include English Communication, Pre-Vocational Maths, HRE and Work Skills. A simulated fruit and vegetable marketing business is also a highlight of this course. A new addition to this program is that students are enrolled in a Certificate 1 in Work Readiness and Certificate 2 in Business.

Work Experience Placements

- In the Pre-Vocational Course for Deaf students, work experience is expected to be attended weekly by students.
- Other students may negotiate work experience placements by collaborating with teachers and parents to find the most suitable times for this to occur.

Other Information

- All students with a disability have the opportunity to participate in tutorials with special education teachers or teacher aides. This class provides them the opportunity to catch up on work they have been finding difficult, get help with an assignment or study for their tests .
- An EQ Speech and Language Pathologist works on site every week to assist teachers with individual case assessments and the delivery of tailored speech and language programs.
- Australian Hearing has a current service agreement with the school and visits on the first Monday of each month during

school hours.

- SEU staff work closely with our school transition officer to cater for the needs of students who are in their final years of schooling and need assistance to plan educational and vocational pathways for their future.