

SIR DAVID BRAND SCHOOL

Sir David Brand School is the hub of a dynamic community. Our school works in partnership with families and their service providers to create Rich Full Lives for students with a diverse range of special educational needs in Kindergarten to Year 12. We promote resilience and independence to ensure every child has a successful and sustainable future. Our school community is warm and welcoming.



The SDBS team conducts thorough needs assessments to inform the innovative programs we design to suit each student's needs. Our inclusive curriculum embraces the Australian Curriculum, the Early Years Framework, ABLEWA, TEACCH and digital technologies. We have developed a school-based EXPRESS communication tool for students with complex communication needs who are working towards Foundation Level. We work in partnership with Visiting Teachers from the Schools of Special Educational Needs: Behaviour and Engagement, Disability, Sensory, Medical and Mental Health. Intensive early intervention programs are available for students in the early years of schooling.

The SDBS Co-Regulation program is a whole school priority that integrates the principles of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention and Team Teach across our Protective Education, Arts and English curriculum.

SDBS has highly competent and engaged teachers and education assistants who understand the need for safe and stimulating learning environments. Our evidence based programs are consistent with internationally recognised best practice.

SDBS has a range of clubs that provide fun learning opportunities. Our Chit Chat Clubs bring together parents and carers to develop the skills needed for the competent use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices in everyday life. Our Stretch Club incorporates physiotherapy into daily routines. We also have the very popular Construction Club, Bike Club, Walking Club, as well as Girls' Club and Boys' Clubs focused upon friends learning together.

SDBS offers families the option of inter-agency Individual Education Plan/Action (IEP) meetings that help to integrate each student's goals across the curriculum. We have Department of Health Community and Child Adolescent Health nurses based on site. Our school based chaplain focuses on building community relationships and providing support to families.

Located in Coolbinia, our catchment extends from Trigg to North Fremantle in the west and from East Perth to Inglewood in the east. We are in close proximity to Yokine Reserve and Coolbinia Primary School. The beautiful gardens and parkland surrounding the school provide a valuable natural resource for student learning.

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