

## Conductive Education Service

### Negotiated Education Plan

Conductors are available to attend meetings to discuss Negotiated Education Plans.

### Eligibility for a Conductive Education Program

Contact the Assistant Manager at SERU to obtain information about an assessment for eligibility to take part in the program.

### Conductive Education Service

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## What is Conductive Education?

Conductive Education is an educational approach for children/students with physical and multiple disabilities (e.g. cerebral palsy).

It helps children/students to become more independent in:

- movement
- language
- social skills
- self care.

It is a holistic approach that focuses on the whole child/student. It uses an active learning environment to help the child/student integrate motor skills, cognitive skills and emotional skills.

## More about Conductive Education

1. There is a focus on the whole group

The group motivates and encourages the child/student to actively join in activities with others. Each individual's success is recognised and shared. This provides further motivation for the child/student.

2. There is a daily routine

There is a carefully planned timetable that ensures the child/student is actively involved in the curriculum. Every part of the day can be used as a learning opportunity to develop physical skills as well as thinking and emotional skills.

3. A series of tasks is set

The child/student participates in a series of tasks to assist improvement in motor skills. These help the child/student to gain strength and independence in many areas of life.

4. There is a Conductor

The Conductor is a trained teacher specialising in teaching children/young adults with cerebral palsy. In South Australia the Conductor develops Conductive Education programs with a team of teachers, school services officers, parents/carers and therapists.

## Conductive Education programs

### Early intervention

This program is offered for children aged 6 months to 5 years. Parents/carers come with their children and take part in the group. In each session a hands-on approach is used to teach parents to support their children in an environment rich in activity, sound, texture and colour.

### Programs for school-aged students

Two schools in the metropolitan area provide Conductive Education programs: Kidman Park Primary School and Findon High School.

Secondary students can access the Findon High School Program if they have participated in Conductive Education throughout their schooling.

### Consultancy support for schools

Conductors provide a consultancy service to preschools and primary schools across the state. Support includes:

- assessment and advice about the needs of individual students
- professional development for educators
- information to parents/carers.