



“ This workshop is extremely informative and offers so many realistic strategies to be implemented by both teachers and parents. **”**

Teacher, QLD

Schools and Families Together Program

The Schools and Families Working Together program is unique to Positive Partnerships. We know that when a trusted and positive relationship exists between home and school, then this significantly improves the learning environment that can be created for autistic students and provides opportunities for good learning outcomes.

A small funding allocation is available to support schools' participation in the program.

If you think this program may be suitable for your school and you want to find out more, please contact:

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Or use the QR code to leave your contact details and a staff member will contact you.

Educators will:

- Complete the Positive Partnerships online module - “An Introduction to Autism”
- Attend a 1-day workshop with other teachers (ideally a member of the leadership team attends this day as well)
- Invite parents/carers of the student you teach to attend a 1-day workshop 4-6 weeks later with you
- Complete a planning tool template (student profile) with parents/carers



Overview of topics covered:

Day 1 (teachers only)

Beliefs and Perspectives

- Language and Autism
- Individual perspectives
- Family perspectives and experiences
- Reactions to diagnosis
- Valuing individuals

Narratives of Autism

- Historical narrative of Autism
- Myths and facts
- Medical and social models of disability
- Student voice and self-advocacy
- Intersectionality

Working Together

- Collaboration with families
- Enablers and Challenges
- Planning for Day 2

Day 2 (teachers and families together)

Strengths of the team

- Strengths of the partnership
- Strengths of the students

The Diversity of Autism

- Explore the diversity of the autism spectrum; strengths and interests, social and communication skills, sensory processing, executive functioning
- Discuss and share strategies
- Explore the planning tool resource (student profile tool)

Working together

- Complete a planning tool template together

“ *I really enjoyed the collaboration between parents and teachers. It has created a great foundation of knowledge and communication that will benefit my child.* ”
Parent, NSW

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