

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Disability Education programs and the Central Placement Panel process for 2021**

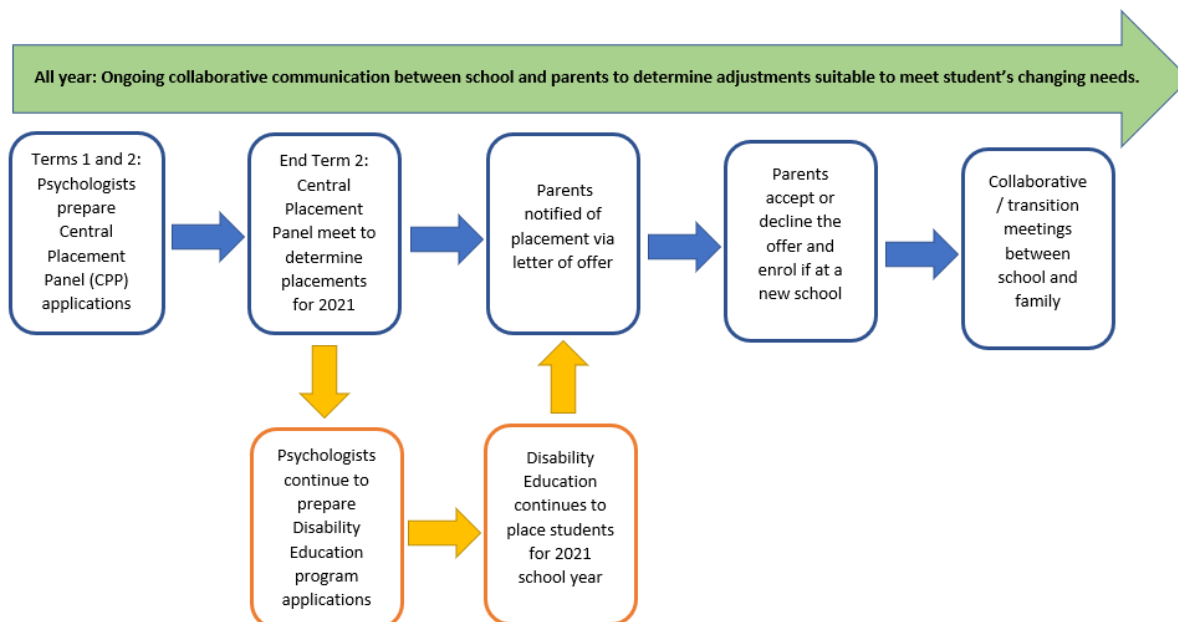
Each year school psychologists work with students, their families and schools to prepare applications for disability education programs offered in ACT public schools. Applications are completed for students at a transition point in their education (P-K, 6-7 and 10-11) and for students requesting placement for their child in a small group program (LSC, LSU, LSUA, P-10 Disability Program).

The Directorate acknowledges the Central Placement Panel (CPP) process cannot be delivered in the usual way during the pupil-free period. As such, for 2021 placements, Disability Education have alternative arrangements in place.

If your child is currenting in a small group program, school psychologists will now use last known assessment records to identify the programs your child is eligible for. This means a review of eligibility will not be required in order to apply for 2021 placement through CPP. You will still be able to indicate your preferred placement option for your child and the school psychologist will contact you to discuss this either over the phone or via email. You may be asked to provide information over the phone, or documentation via email. Rather than signing documents, psychologists may ask you to confirm via email.

If you are seeking assessment for your child, to determine eligibility for a small group program in 2021, this will continue on a case by case basis when it is practicable to do so. Your school psychologist will contact you for assessment purposes as soon as operationally possible. If a student's application is unable to be finalised in time for CPP, please be assured that ongoing CPP placements will occur throughout the year.

The diagram below describes the change in the CPP process for 2021.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via email at [info@harrison.act.edu.au](mailto:info@harrison.act.edu.au)

Kind Regards  
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