

School– Link (Illawarra Shoalhaven) invites you to participate in the



Illawarra Shoalhaven Education Support Network.

This Network is an interagency, which supports schools and their students. It aims to collaborate to improve the outcomes for children and young people’s learning and wellbeing.

Schools are increasingly engaging outside services to provide specialist support and developing internal programs through their counselling, welfare and chaplaincy programs.



We work collaboratively with the Network Specialist Facilitators from the Department of Education, Education Officers from Catholic Education Office and Catholic Care School, Student and Family Program Management.

The goal of the Network is to share knowledge and resources, to collaborate to identify gaps, strengthen supports, improve engagement and attendance, as well as academic, social and psychological outcomes for students and education providers.

The Network meets once a school term. Guest speakers present on topics such as support for Aboriginal Students, NDIS and year 6 to 7 transition programs. Service information is shared and the network responds to requests from individual schools for support.

Can You Help?

Currently we have a request from a local school for a presentation to year 8 & 9 Students about resilience and helping a friend.

This may be a specific request such as Resilience Education or Mentoring for male junior High School Students, Mental Health presentation or staff focused such as improving their understanding and capacity to support students with an eating disorder.

Meeting directly with Education staff provides opportunities for agencies within schools ensuring timely engagement and effective utilization of a program. Where a service is at capacity the network is able to discuss alternates that may support the school.

The network is currently scoping welfare and wellbeing programs provided to schools and by schools with view to improving capacity of Network agencies to appropriately target schools, reduce duplication and refer students.

**If you are interested in this network, for more information or to join please contact:
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