



## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Portland Bay School is a State Government Specialist school set in Portland, SW Victoria. We cater for approximately 70 students aged from 5 to 18 who have an intellectual disability and offer a door-to-door bus service that transports students between school and home for those students that live in the Designated Transport Area. This area includes Bridgewater, Nelson, Mt Richmond, Dartmoor, Heywood, Digby, Condah, Macarthur and Yambuk.

Children who meet the criteria set out in our Local Enrolment Policy are eligible for enrolment (see enrolment tab for further information).

The school is divided into two departments, the primary sector and the secondary sector. We provide a comprehensive range of programs that ensure students achieve personal success. An individual program is developed for each student and programs are implemented in classrooms with small student numbers and a high staff ratio. There is an emphasis on Key Word Sign and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).

Portland Bay School employs a Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Mental Health Practitioner, School Counsellor/NDIS Navigator and a Therapy Dog. There is a strong work experience and pathways program and various extra-curricular activities including community access, volunteering, life skills, sailing, art, physical education, speech therapy, fundamental motor skills and swimming.

The school has a strong Respectful Relationships program which promotes diversity and inclusion. The Wellbeing Team manage this program alongside the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework. The school values of Respectful, Resilient and Responsible are displayed proudly around the facility in both text, as well as in visual matrix form, and taught as part of a structured social and emotional literacy program.