



# Merriwa Education Support Centre

An Independent Public School  
'LEARNING FOR LIFE'

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## Parent Enrolment Agreement at Merriwa Education Support Centre

Choosing not to enrol your child at your local primary school is a big step. The Department of Education is very keen to see as many students as possible included in their local primary school. They provide primary schools with a range of curriculum and education supports, so they are able to include students with additional needs successfully. Therefore, it is important to ensure that parents/carers are fully aware of ways in which MESC may differ from a regular primary school before they take this decision. Please read carefully below and fill in completely before enrolment.

I would like to enrol my child, ..... (name) at Merriwa Education Support Centre (MESC). I have discussed the following topics with the Principal, and I am happy to acknowledge each of them.

Please read carefully and tick all boxes:

Please read carefully	Tick below
1. I understand that I am entitled to enrol my child in my local primary school, my child's special needs are no barrier to this.	
2. I have made the decision myself to enrol my child in MESC rather than at my local primary school. I feel that my child will be better suited to an alternative learning environment such as MESC.	
3. I understand that enrolment at MESC can be changed at any time, I am able to re-enrol my child in my local school at any stage in my child's schooling, if this is what I would prefer.	
4. I am aware that the funding available for my child at MESC will be no different to that in my primary school. One-to-one tuition is not provided at MESC although all students do receive additional help from education assistants both in and out of the classroom.	
5. I understand that although there is a bus service available for students attending MESC, there is absolutely no guarantee that my child will get a place on a bus, even if we live in the area covered by the buses. I therefore confirm that I <i>will</i> be able to drive my child to and from school if the bus is not available.	
6. I understand that the bus service, which may be available for a student who attends MESC, is not part of, or controlled by MESC. Parents have to apply independently for the bus, and it is the responsibility of parents/carers (not the schools) to communicate with the bus company and bus personnel.	
7. I have had the opportunity to visit the classrooms at MESC and I am aware that the nature of the student cohort in the school may result in limits to some peer interactions for my child in the classroom, such as verbal and social interactions. In addition, the classroom cohort may change from one year to the next, classroom peers may be more or less social and communicative.	

<p>8. I am aware that MESC is, like any school, dedicated to learning using the recognised WA curriculum. Accordingly, the students will be taught and treated in an age-appropriate manner as for all other students.</p>	
<p>9. I am aware that MESC will endeavour to provide some limited opportunities for integration into primary school classes but there are no guarantees as to when this will start in the year or how often during the week this will be. The decision is ultimately made by the Principal of the primary school. MESC students will receive the majority of their schooling in the education support classrooms.</p>	

Signed:.....  
 (parent/carer)

Date:.....

Principal signature:..... Date:.....