

Free Education Webinars – Sem 1, 2021

If you happen to miss a webinar or cannot attend on the specific day and time scheduled, recorded webinars will be available on our website after the event. For more information contact: education@downsyndromeqld.org.au

Inclusive Practices – 21st Jan 3:30-4:30pm

This free webinar will explain why a truly inclusive educational environment is always preferable for students with diverse learning needs. It will outline the legal obligations of schools to include these students and discuss practical tactics on how this is done to the greatest benefit of all involved. With anecdotes and real-life experiences illustrating best practice in action, this webinar will demonstrate that inclusion is not a 'pie-in-the-sky' idea but one that is achievable, benefits all, and should be the goal of every classroom and school.

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/123/94824iow>

Understanding Down Syndrome – 11th Feb 3:30-4:30pm

This free webinar provides information about the main characteristics of Down syndrome. It highlights ways to inclusively support the student within the classroom, considerations relating to curriculum, useful resources, and practical tips. This webinar is a great introduction for individuals working with a student with Down syndrome.

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/129/k3lz3fk1>

Communication – 18th March 3:30-4:30pm

This free webinar shares the importance of communication. It provides an explanation of the types of communication available for students who may vary in communicative ability. The webinar shares demonstration clips of the various physical forms of communication available and how these can be used. A collection of useful resources, apps and links are also included. As a basic human right, access to communication is key so we must ensure individuals are able to access forms that are useful to them.

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/130/w61m6cln>

Visual Supports – 29th April 3:30-4:30pm

As with 65% of the population, students with Down syndrome are visual learners. This free webinar provides practical examples of visual supports and apps within the school environment. The webinar shares visual aids designed to motivate, prompt, and remind students within a range of settings. This in turn enables students to develop independence, familiarity with expectations and a sense of achievement. Providing such visual support for students with Down syndrome will benefit all students in the class setting.

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/131/rk91kh93>



Modifying Curriculum (Primary) – 13th May 3:30-5:00pm

Modifying the curriculum poses one of the most challenging area for teachers when educating individuals with diverse learning needs. It can sound like a time-consuming process but, this is a misconception and when done with intention, utilising the principles of Universal Design for Learning, we can make these modifications quite easily and incidentally. Through examples, demonstrations and practical applications this webinar and subsequent workshop will help educators understand how to modify learning opportunities to ensure ALL students are achieving to the best of their ability. This is a 2-part workshop with the first being this 1.5hour webinar discussing the theory and understanding behind the curriculum and subsequent modification of learning outcomes and assessment tasks. The second part being a practical workshop, with hands-on discussion and application, applying knowledge gained. To find out more please contact us at education@downsyndromeqld.org.au and we will send you out an information pack.

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Modifying Curriculum (Secondary) – 20th May 3:30-5:00pm

Modifying the curriculum poses one of the most challenging area for teachers when educating individuals with diverse learning needs. It can sound like a time-consuming process but, this is a misconception and when done with intention, utilising the principles of Universal Design for Learning, we can make these modifications quite easily and incidentally. Through examples, demonstrations and practical applications this webinar and subsequent workshop will help educators understand how to modify learning opportunities to ensure ALL students are achieving to the best of their ability. This is a 2-part workshop with the first being this 1.5hour webinar discussing the theory and understanding behind the curriculum and subsequent modification of learning outcomes and assessment tasks. The second part being a practical workshop, with hands-on discussion and application, applying knowledge gained. To find out more please contact us at education@downsyndromeqld.org.au and we will send you out an information pack.

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Positive Behaviour Supports – 27th May 3:30-4:30pm

This free webinar covers common unwanted behaviours, particularly in students with Down syndrome and includes possible reasons for these behaviours. It outlines behaviour strategy suggestions within the school environment including how to focus on positive behaviour and avoiding unwanted behaviours. It also offers suggestions for break ideas, rewards charts, implementation of Behaviour Intervention Plans and strategies for working on emotional regulation. The webinar is filled with resources and references to develop positive behaviour supports within a school setting.

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Reading OUR Way Information – 17th June 3:30-4:30pm

This free webinar is aimed at educators and provides detail relating to the research around reading and how Reading OUR Way helps students to develop reading skills. It touches on the characteristics of Down syndrome which may affect a student's ability to read, outlining how to use Reading OUR Way to improve reading. A breakdown of the order for teaching the program is also provided. This webinar offers sample lesson structure, suggestions for reading rotations and strategies to improve reading comprehension. Reading OUR Way is best utilised in an inclusive education setting as part of a whole reading program in literacy groups/rotations.

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