



Disability Policy and Programs PARENT FORUM

Friday 22nd March 2019

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You are invited to a Parent Forum for parents or carers of a child or young person with a disability on Friday 22nd March 2019 hosted by the Department for Education.

Please come and join the Director, Disability Policy and Programs, Ian May, to hear the presentations and have your say in the discussions and workshops:

- The new directions for 2019
- The Inclusive Education Support Program – the newly approved funding model
- Workshops (you can attend 2) including:
 - ❖ Bullying a whole school approach
 - ❖ First time attendees
 - ❖ Interoception
 - ❖ Anxiety and mental health
 - ❖ Social Skills strategies
 - ❖ Visit Special Education Resource Unit
 - ❖ Post School Options – hot topics
 - ❖ Deaf Culture

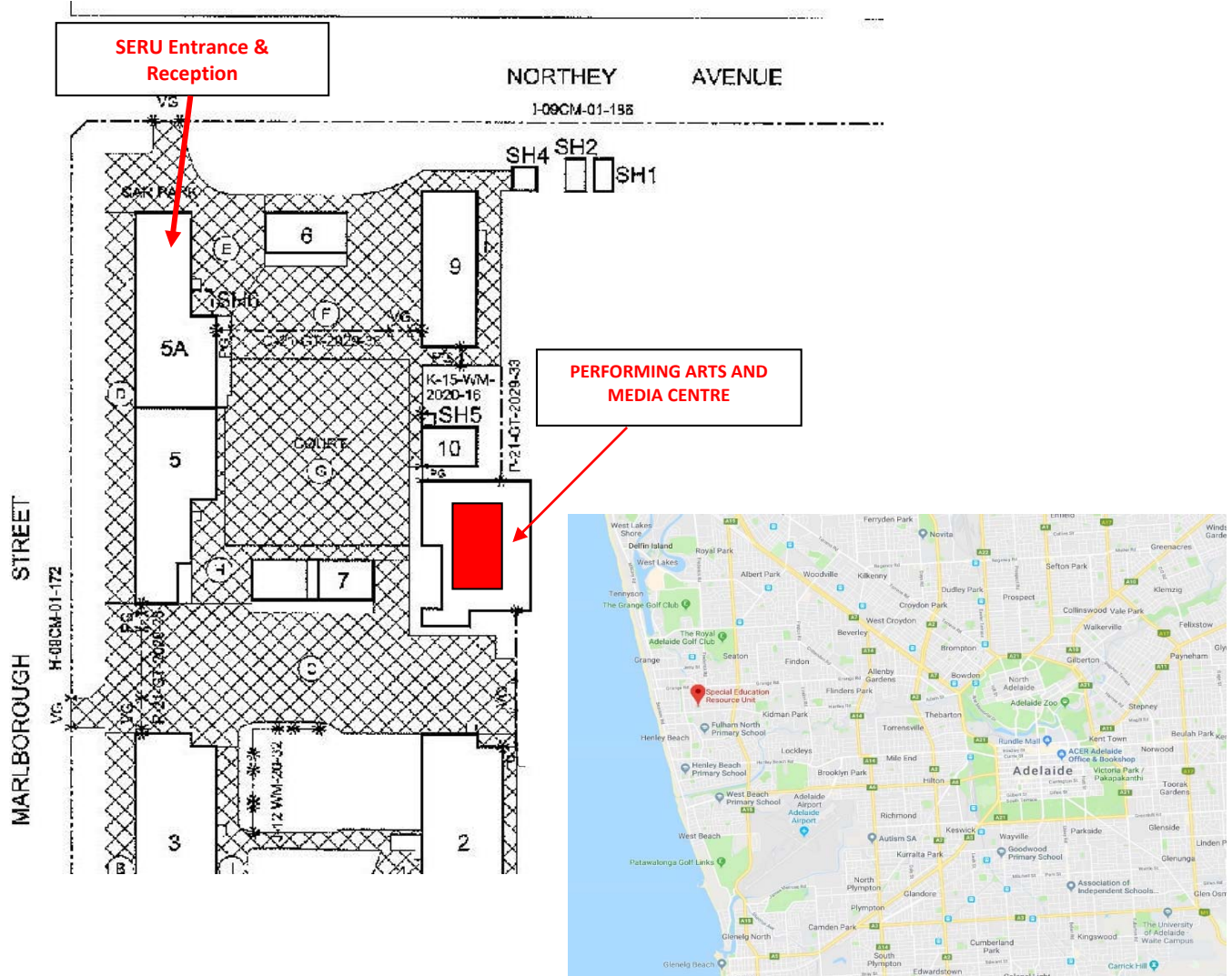
WHEN: **Friday 22nd March 2019** 9:30 am – 10:00 am Register/tea/coffee
10:00 am – 2:00 pm Parent Forum

WHERE: **Special Education Resource Unit & Fulham Gardens Primary School
Performing Arts Centre
72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022**

HOW: Register for the forum at <https://register.eventarc.net/e/42380>
If you have any queries please contact Julie.cakebread68@schools.sa.edu.au at the
Special Education Resource Unit or by Phone (08) 8235 2871.

*A light lunch will be provided for registered participants. A map of the site and parking areas is attached
A detailed program will be forwarded on confirmation of your booking.*

Location and access to the Special Education Resource Unit (SERU)



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Parking and Registration

Parking is available in Northey Avenue, Marlborough Street and surrounding streets.

The entry to the conference is via the Special Education Resource Unit entrance and reception office from Northey Avenue. You will be greeted at SERU where you can sign in before being shown through to the conference room in the grounds of Fulham Gardens Primary School.

Buses

The H33 bus travels to and from the city via Marlborough Street. Stop 27 is the closest bus stop to SERU.



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Program for the Day

The forum is to inform and engage with parents or carers about the services and support available for children and young people with a disability and to listen to the voices of their families.

- 9:30 – 10:00** Sign on through SERU reception
Meet & greet, tea or coffee in Fulham Gardens Primary School Performing Arts Centre
- 10:00 – 10:30** Welcome *Ann-Marie Hayes, Executive Director, Early Years and Child Development*
Acknowledgement of Country
2019 and beyond: Setting the scene for the year
Ian May, Director, Disability Policy and Programs
- 10:30 - 12:00** The Inclusive Education Support Program – the new funding model
Cathy Clarke, Project Implementation Manager – Preschool and School Funding Reform
Table talk and sharing
- 12:00 – 12:30** Lunch provided *Complete a nomination form to be a Parent Reference Group Member*
- 12:35 – 1:05** Workshop session 1 (Select one)
- A. Bullying a whole school approach - *Karen Robinson, Student Wellbeing Leader, Port Elliot Primary*
 - B. First time attendees; working through the maze - *Kerry Parker, Assistant Director, Disability & Learning*
 - C. Interoception - *Emma Goodall, Manager Disability and Complex Needs*
 - D. Visit Special Education Resource Unit - *Anne Arnold, Senior Advisor Teaching and Learning*
 - E. Anxiety and mental health – *David Fourmy, Senior Advisor, Social, Emotional and Complex Needs*
 - F. Post school options; hot topics – *Sharon Jackson, Manager, Transition Centres*
 - G. Deaf Culture
 - H. Social skills strategies - *Libby Brown, Manager Special Education Resource Unit*
- 1:05 – 1:15** Move to next workshop session
- 1:15 – 1:45** Workshop session 2 (All workshops repeated - Select one)
- 1:45 – 2:00** Move back to Performing Arts Centre for summary and close of the day

Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum Workshop overviews

Select two workshops to attend in the afternoon:

- A. **Bullying a whole school approach** – Karen Robinson, Student Wellbeing Leader, Port Elliot Primary School
Hear the strategies one school uses to provide a whole school team approach to address bullying and look after the wellbeing of all the children in their care.
- B. **First time attendees; working through the maze** – Kerry Parker, Assistant Director, Disability and Learning
Is this your first Parent Forum; are there questions you would like to ask or topics you would like to know about?
- C. **Interoception** – Emma Goodall, Manager, Disability and Complex Needs
Find out more about interoception a lesser known sense that helps you understand and feel what is going on inside your body. How you can as a parent support interoception with your child.
- D. **Visit Special Education Resource Unit** - Anne Arnold, Senior Advisor Teaching and Learning
Take the opportunity to browse through the resources and borrow resources that you can share with your child, become a member and find out what SERU offers
- E. **Anxiety and mental health** – David Fourmy, Senior Advisor, Social Emotional and Complex Needs
Listen to a brief introduction to and discussion about anxiety and mental health difficulties. Share your experiences what works for you? Look at new strategies that could be helpful.
- F. **Post School Options – hot topics** – Sharon Jackson, Manager Transition Centres
Come and share your thoughts or experiences in transition planning in the senior secondary years.
What has worked well?
Which aspects can we improve?
Have you any words of wisdom to other families?
How is your child adjusting?
A facilitated discussion welcoming diverse views and open sharing!
- G. **Deaf Culture** – To be confirmed
- H. **Social Skills strategies** – Libby Brown, Manager, Special Education Resource Unit
The session will look at the hierarchy of social skills and look at why a child might behave the way they do and then explore how you as a parent can support your child to develop the skills they need.
Libby is an educational psychologist and the manager of SERU.