

## **PHYSICAL DISABILITY**

Students with a physical disability will be affected in their ability to move, walk or coordinate and/or control movements when performing tasks. A physical disability may also affect the ability to use/feel certain parts of the body. Either or both the musculoskeletal or neurological systems may be involved. A physical disability may be present from birth or acquired later and be either progressive or non-progressive.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

The following evidence is required to be submitted in order for Disability Services and Support to confirm eligibility for funding:

#### **Physical Disability**

1. A signed letter from a medical specialist (e.g. paediatrician, neurologist or other medical specialist such as a geneticist):
  - stating the diagnosis
  - level of severity of the physical disability
  - how the condition impacts as a physical disability

#### **Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)**

1. A signed letter from a medical specialist (e.g. paediatric neurologist, paediatric rehabilitation physician)
  - stating the diagnosis of acquired brain injury
  - report stating the extended impairment in functioning
  - detailing how the condition impacts upon access to the curriculum.

Eligibility under physical disability may include but is not limited to cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida and congenital malformation of the limbs.

Consideration is given to whether the disability is variable in presentation or is considered a permanent disability. If it is variable, an updated letter from a medical specialist is required at various stages, depending on the physical presentation of the disability and how it impacts on learning.

### **Privacy and Confidentiality**

The Department of Education is committed to protecting privacy, integrity of information obtained and confidentiality. All personal information must be obtained by lawful and fair means with the knowledge and consent of the person to whom it relates. Persons must be told why personal information is being collated and whether it may be accessible to any third party.

This includes parents of students who are under 18 years of age.

**Parents or carers are directed to contact local school staff for further information.**