



Aspect Distance Education

A flexible, autism-specific education program for South Australian families

**a different
brilliant®**

Understanding,
engaging and celebrating
the strengths, interests and
aspirations of people
on the autism spectrum.

Acknowledgment of Country

Autism Spectrum
Australia (Aspect)
acknowledges the
Traditional Custodians
of the lands on which
we work and live.

We pay our respect to
their Elders past and
present.



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Welcome to Aspect Treetop School

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Meet our Principal



A very warm welcome to the Aspect Distance Education Program delivered by the Aspect Treetop School. We understand the uniqueness of every child, value their individual strengths, interests and aspirations and we celebrate the 'different brilliant' of every child.

Success in our school is a partnership between our students, staff and families. Embracing each student's individuality and engaging them through their special interests makes our teaching unique and very rewarding.

Aspect Treetop School is one of ten independent schools across Australia with a shared approach to educational practice underpinned by the Aspect Approach (AA) which is detailed on page 5 of this handbook.

Our school is proud to be the only autism-specific education program for students ranging from 5-16 years in Adelaide. We currently provide education for approximately 75 students on the autism spectrum at our main campus and we are delighted to now offer the first autism specific Distance Education program in South Australia, starting with year 3 to year 6.

Our program is especially beneficial for students who may find attending school challenging or live too far away to attend in person. Classes are small with a high teacher to student ratio and a teacher's aide appointed to each class.

Students will experience dynamic and engaging learning experiences outside the traditional classroom setting, they will have opportunities to attend our Main Campus during Connection Days, to participate in captivating incursions corresponding to the content of their lessons.

We also offer educational excursions that are held off-site that are intricately linked to the curriculum and tailored to meet the specific needs of each class. For our offsite events, parents and carers accompany their children to ensure their comfort and engagement.

I look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the Aspect Treetop School and Distance Education.

Kaye Perry
School Principal

About Distance Education

At Aspect Treetop School, we understand that every child on the autism spectrum is unique. Their strengths, interests, and aspirations shape how they learn, connect, and thrive. That's why we're proud to introduce Aspect Distance Education,—a flexible, online learning program designed specifically for students on the autism spectrum, delivered by the trusted team at Aspect Treetop School in Adelaide.

Whether your child needs a quieter learning environment, more flexible routines, or simply learns best at home, Aspect offers a high-quality, autism-specific education that meets your family where you are.

Why choose Distance Education?

Aspect Distance Education is more than just remote schooling. It's a thoughtfully designed, evidence-informed program that brings together the best of Aspect's 55+ years of experience in autism-specific education with the flexibility of online delivery.

Students benefit from being part of a physical school with experienced teachers setting the learning goals and following the National Curriculum. Aspect's aim is to improve outcomes for all children on the autism spectrum through access to quality autism specific virtual education services.

Here's what makes it different:

- Autism-specific expertise
- Individualised learning
- Flexible and accessible
- Highly skilled staff
- Strong support network

Who is this program for?

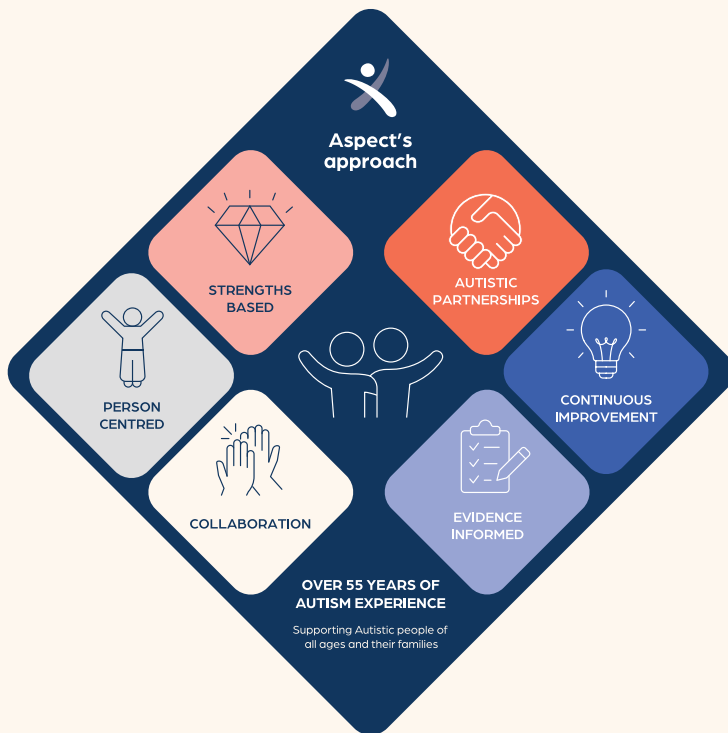
Aspect Distance Education is designed for:

- Students with a formal diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Families seeking a home-based learning option
- Students in Years 3 to 6
- South Australian residents who meet school enrolment eligibility

Our Educational Approach

At the heart of Aspect Online Learning is Aspect's approach. There are 6 key principles that guides the way we deliver services

- **Autistic partnerships:** We embed Autistic perspectives in everything we do, ensuring our services, research and governance are shaped by lived experiences.
- **Strengths based:** We focus on individuals' abilities and interests.
- **Person centred:** We put the person at the centre of everything we do, tailoring supports and services to each individual's unique needs.
- **Evidence informed:** We use research to guide and shape our practices.
- **Collaboration:** We prioritise the views and preferences of Autistic individuals while working with their support networks to gain a well-rounded understanding of their needs, strengths and goals.
- **Continuous improvement:** We evaluate our practices to find ways to improve our supports and services.



What will my child learn?

Aspect Distance Education follows the National Curriculum, ensuring students in years 3 – 6 receive a comprehensive and nationally recognised education.

Key learning Areas (KLAs)

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technologies
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- The Arts
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages

How the program works – at a glance

Online learning environment

- Lessons and resources are delivered through secure digital platforms such as Microsoft Teams.
- Students and families can access the weekly timetable, learning materials, and important updates all in one place.

Personalised curriculum

- The program follows the National Curriculum.
- Once enrolled, each student's learning is tailored

to their individual strengths, interests, and support needs.

Live and flexible teaching

- Teachers run live lessons using video modelling and digital content.
- Can't attend live? No problem — lessons are recorded and available to watch anytime.

Interactive and engaging activities

- Learning includes a mix of online and offline activities.
- These may include video lessons, interactive tasks, worksheets, creative projects, and more — all designed to suit different learning styles.

Ongoing support and communication

- Students and families can message teachers, upload completed work, and stay connected through the online platform.
- One-on-one check-ins can be arranged if needed, to discuss learning progress or any challenges.

The role of the Onsite Supervisor

Every student will need the support of an Onsite Supervisor who supports daily learning and liaises with teachers. An Onsite Supervisor is either a parent or an approved adult who is available during the school day. Their main role is to guide, encourage and support the student in developing independent learning skills

Support for students and families


A school Learning Support Team (LST) is available to provide support to teachers with their teaching and learning programs and individual planning for students, and to families where needed.

Aspect Treetop's Learning Support Team includes:

- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Social Worker

Support includes:

- Weekly 1:1 Check-In Sessions
- Access to Aspect's Learning Support Team
- Optional Social Groups
- Connection Days

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black blazer over a white top, is leaning over a wooden table. She is looking at a laptop screen. A young girl with light brown hair, wearing a dark blue polo shirt with orange and white horizontal stripes, is sitting at the table. She is also looking at the laptop screen and has a smile on her face. The laptop is open on the table. In the background, there is a white wall. A large orange curved shape is in the top right corner of the image.

"The Aspect Distance Education program has allowed my daughter to continue with school at home. The teachers are experts in autism education and they really know how to support her to learn at her own pace. She has made tremendous progress since joining the program."

– PARENT

How our enrolment works:

1. Contact us at Aspect Treetop School (08) 7326 0200 or submit an enquiry form via the Aspect website: aspect.org.au
2. Attend an information session
3. Submit a registration form
4. Family interview
5. Receive an offer

Technology requirements

Families will need:

- A laptop or desktop computer (running wither Windows 110, ChromeOS or MacOS)
- Reliable internet connection (at least 1.2Mbps download and upload)
- Webcam, microphone, speakers
- Printer and scanner or camera

Fees

Aspect Online Learning is a fee-paying program. Fees are set annually and invoiced three times per year. Current fees are available on our website.

Eligibility criteria

- Have a formal autism diagnosis
- they are geographically isolated or;
- their individual circumstances prevent them from regularly attending school;
- Are Australian citizens, permanent residents of Australia or hold an eligible Australian visa

What Parents Say

"Just knowing that he's somewhere he's understood, and that the teachers are working as a team to bring out the best in my child... it's been amazing." — Parent

"The transition was unbelievable. Aspect was so holistic and supportive from the start. They reassured us every step of the way." — Parent

Aside from our educational program, Aspect provides a number of services that may come in handy for students and families, now or down the track.

What else does Aspect offer?

Assessments

Aspect offers autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and cognitive assessments in person and via telehealth. Children diagnosed early can access services that will significantly improve their prospects for a meaningful life. An assessment provides teachers and schools with information that will allow them to more effectively support your child, and you will gain a better understanding of how your child processes the world.

Aspect also offers review assessments for those already diagnosed. These assessments provide updated information about their strengths and differences, and include recommendations to assist with support planning. Such an assessment can be useful at times of transition (e.g. when commencing primary school, high school or postschool planning) or to assist in applications for funding for autism (e.g. NDIS, Disability Support Pension, school supports, etc.).

Therapy

Aspect Therapy is a registered NDIS provider with a large team of allied health professionals (speech pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists and social workers) and educators.

Together, we develop and deliver individualised and small group autism-specific therapy and positive behaviour support.

Workshops

Aspect offers a broad range of autism-related workshops and webinars for parents, carers, educators and health professionals. We deliver practical, real-world solutions to benefit families, communities, professionals and organisations.



For the full range of Aspect services, please scan the QR code or visit aspect.org.au



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