



For every
aspect of
life on the
spectrum

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Our services

INCLUSION STATEMENT

Everybody is welcome at Aspect.

We want you to feel it is OK to be authentically yourself. Please let us know if there is anything we can do that helps you feel more comfortable. Everyone is welcome to use their own strategies to help them feel relaxed.

Aspect (Autism Spectrum Australia) acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the many lands on which we work and live. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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About Aspect

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Aspect is one of Australia's leading service providers for people on the autism spectrum. Our specialised education program is among the largest in the world, complemented by services including diagnostic assessments, therapy, family support, adult programs, training, and consultancy.

Our approach

With nearly 60 years of experience, Aspect's approach is underpinned by the latest evidence, guided by input from the individual and their support network, and continuously adapted to meet each person's unique needs.

Our research

Through the Aspect Research Centre for Autism Practice (ARCAP), we collaborate with Autistic people, families, and practitioners to identify real-world challenges and develop practical solutions that improve everyday life.

Working in partnership

Guided by our Working in Partnership Charter, Autistic voices shape every level of our organisation – from governance to service delivery, leadership, and research. We employ Autistic staff and embed co-production to ensure lived experience informs everything we do.



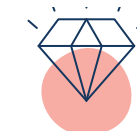
Our vision

The best opportunities for people on the autism spectrum.



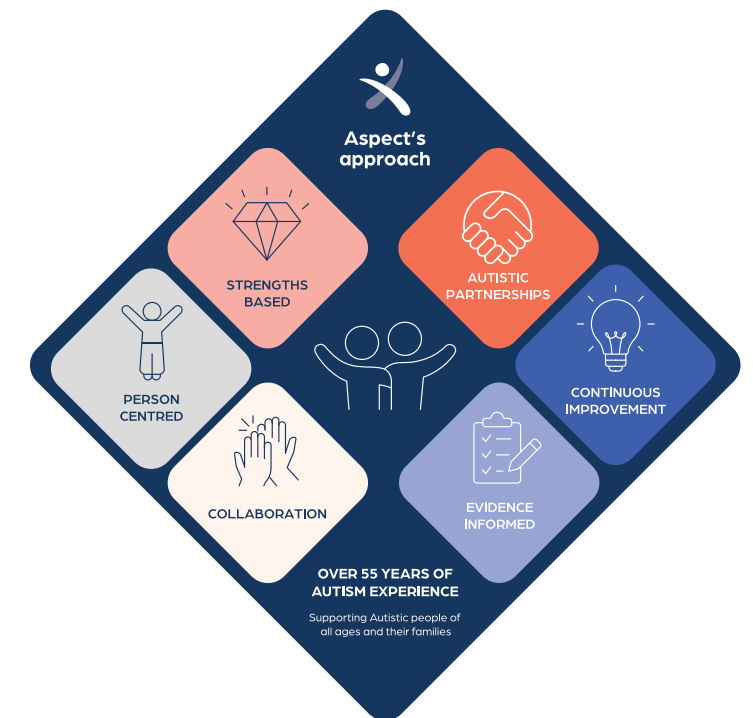
Our values

Our values shape how we work, connect, and grow. We chose the word THRIVE because it reflects what we want for everyone at Aspect – for Autistic people, their families, and our staff. Teamwork, Honesty and integrity, Respect, Inclusion, Vibrant, Excellence.



Our purpose

a different brilliant® – understanding, engaging and celebrating the strengths, interests and aspirations of people on the autism spectrum.



Schools and
satellite classes



10 schools
>110 satellites



Locations
78

Students
and
participants
~ 4,000



Staff
>1,300

Aspect is a leader in autism-specific education for children in Australia.

Education

For students and parents

We offer dynamic, individualised learning with a caring and nurturing approach.

- **Tailored learning environments** – Ten independent autism-specific schools across NSW and SA, over 100 satellite classes in mainstream settings
- **Distance education** – A flexible option for students in Years 3+ in NSW and SA, connecting with teachers online and through regular excursions
- **Strengths-based learning** – Individualised programs for students aged 4–17, delivered by experienced teachers using Aspect’s approach and the Australian Curriculum
- **Purpose-built classrooms** – Small class sizes, high teacher-student ratio, structured spaces with calming areas, flexible seating, and smartboards
- **Engaging outdoor environments** – Sensory-friendly playgrounds, quiet zones, and equipment to build coordination and motor skills



For educators

We believe inclusive education starts with environments that adapt to every learner

- **Satellite classrooms** – Autism-specific spaces run within mainstream schools, staffed by qualified Aspect teachers and teacher aides
- **Professional learning and consulting** – Evidence-informed, neurodiversity-affirming programs to build mainstream school capacity
- **Immersive study tours** – Practical learning for educators to experience inclusion in action across Aspect schools



Our services

Aspect assessments and diagnosis

Our assessments help people of all ages better understand their strengths, needs and learning profiles – providing practical guidance to support their goals and wellbeing.

Delivered in person or via telehealth, our assessments are conducted by experienced clinical psychologists and neuropsychologists with post-graduate training in autism and developmental assessment. We follow the National Guidelines for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and use standardised tools for autism, ADHD and cognitive diagnoses.

Each person receives a detailed report with clear, individualised recommendations to inform supports at home, school and in the community.

Assessment types include:

- Autism
- ADHD
- Cognitive
- Learning
- Review



Our services

NDIS services

Our NDIS-funded services support Autistic people to build independence, connect with their communities and achieve their personal goals. We also work with families, carers, friends and colleagues to create strong, inclusive networks around each person.

Our programs focus on:

- Pursuing individual goals and aspirations
- Increasing independence and confidence
- Expanding social and economic participation
- Building skills and capacity to engage in community life

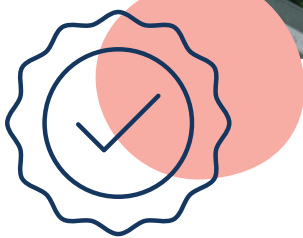
We work in partnership with each person to design and deliver individualised supports that make the most of their funding and help them reach their full potential.

Aspect therapy

Aspect offers therapy in-person, in the home, schools and community in NSW, ACT, SA, TAS and VIC. We also offer Teletherapy sessions across Australia. We work alongside Autistic people and their families to create meaningful, functional goals that support everyday success. Our experienced team partners with each person to identify strengths and needs, developing strategies that reflect their individual interests, abilities and cultural values.

Therapy services include:

- Early childhood supports
- Speech pathology
- Occupational therapy
- Psychology
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Telehealth services
- Parent training
- Allied health



Adult Community Services

Everyone deserves a place where they feel they belong – a space to grow, connect and thrive at their own pace. Aspect’s Adult Community Services centres in Victoria offer a range of engaging programs and activities shaped around each person’s interests and goals. Our centres provide welcoming environments where Autistic adults can build confidence, independence and meaningful social connections. Working together, we focus on developing life skills, emotional wellbeing and community participation – creating opportunities to connect, learn and enjoy a genuine sense of belonging.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

Sometimes, a mismatch between supports, environments and the needs of a person on the autism spectrum can cause communication challenges which can lead to behaviours of concern.

Our PBS practitioners aim to understand why behaviours of concern occur and work with the individual and their families/support network. We use a person-centred, evidence-informed approach that is respectful and ethical and supports a person’s dignity.

Through this approach, we can improve an individual’s daily living and relationships.

We work with organisations across sectors – from transport and retail to the arts, tourism and local government – to build spaces, services and workplaces where Autistic people can participate fully and confidently.



Aspect Autism Friendly

Inclusion begins with understanding. When we recognise the many ways people experience and interact with the world, we can design places and experiences where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Aspect’s Autism Friendly team partners with organisations to create environments and events that genuinely include Autistic people. Guided by our Autism Friendly Framework, we provide:

- Training and awareness programs that build understanding of autism and hidden disabilities
- Environmental assessments and consultancy to identify opportunities for growth and implement practical changes
- Co-design and collaboration with Autistic consultants who contribute their lived experience at every stage of design, development and implementation

Workshops and webinars

Aspect delivers a wide range of workshops and webinars for parents, carers, educators, health professionals and organisations – all designed to build understanding, confidence and practical skills to better support Autistic people.

Each session is:

- **Co-designed** – Developed in partnership with Autistic people who share their lived experience to ensure every workshop reflects real perspectives and priorities
- **Evidence-informed** – Grounded in proven approaches and current research, translating what works into everyday practice
- **Practical and accessible** – Led by experienced allied health professionals who share strategies, examples and tools you can use straight away



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