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WHO ARE WE, AND WHAT DO WE DO!

Mansfield Autism State-wide Services (MASS) is based in the North East of the state & services most of Rural Victoria. We commenced services as the Mansfield Autistic Centre in 1968, with a residential school established in 1976.

MASS is an independent Not for Profit Organisation. It exists to provide expertise, education and empowerment to individuals with an ASD, their families and other service providers. This is achieved through the provision of education, consultancy and support in homes, schools and community organisations in rural and regional Victoria.

MASS provides a range of services throughout Victoria including:

- **Mansfield Campus School (12 students aged 6 – 18 years)**
- **Dookie Secondary School (12 students aged 11-18 years)**
- **Family Camps (5 per year - 0-18 years)**
- **Making A Difference (Hume Region Flexi care Packages, Case Management)**
- **Consultancy (Professional Development, Parenting Courses, School Support and Family support)**
- **Early Intervention (small group sessions, 0-6 years)**
- **Residence (8 bed facility with term placements, activities and school holiday respite camps)**
- **Travelling Teachers (In - home family and educational support - 0-18 years))**
- **Facility Based Respite (0-18 years)**
- **Panel Provider –Early Intervention Services.**

MASS has supported hundreds of families across rural Victoria during the past 25 years, often in remote areas distant from necessary support services. During 2008/09 the 8 Travelling Teachers made 359 visits to families around regional Victoria, supporting children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Many of these families, schools and community supports remain in contact with the Travelling Teacher Service for several years. The Travelling Teacher Service is unique, and provides a service that imparts knowledge & skills. Constructing options for families to feel supported, and in turn empowered to make changes and create options that benefit both child and the greater family unit.

We also support an eight bed Community Residential Unit and an Early Intervention Program. MASS prides itself in the provision of a service that not only focuses on the child who has been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, but also in supporting and imparting the skills and knowledge that allows the family to support their child within their immediate environment.

The family as the core support for a child with Autism, must feel that they are not on their own, that support and social opportunities to share with other families in the same situation are essential. MASS provides not only a unique Travelling Teacher service but also others services that dovetail into the total service and support concept.

Whilst our service currently has a waiting list

we encourage anyone who wants to learn more about what we do and how we provide our services to contact our offices on 03 57752876.



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