

Frequently asked questions: In-Class Support

1. What support are these students receiving now?

Most schools have already identified students in their school who need some additional support for learning. The schools are likely to currently pay for this support through their operations grants, including the Special Education Grant, or through locally raised funds, but teachers say that is not enough.

2. What is the support for?

The new funding will provide students with five teacher's aide hours a week to be used flexibly to support the learning of each of the identified students. This will mean the support can be ongoing and additional to what a school is currently providing. It may also mean schools are able to extend their own support to a wider group of students.

3. How are the students identified?

The initial 1,500 students have already been identified because of their ongoing high learning needs. Their schools were notified at the end of last year and some schools have already contacted parents of identified students to confirm the support available.

The students may have a learning disability, autism, ADHD, dyslexia or another such condition, some may have a hearing or vision impairment. Others may have communication or behavioural needs.

4. How much will In-Class Support cost?

\$2.5 million has been set aside for two terms from the beginning of the school year for the first group of students. This is new funding additional to the \$530 million the Government already invests in special education.