

Off-Campus Therapeutic Programs

Your child will have access to a range of off-campus experiences as part of the class or as a whole school activity. Excursions will be relevant to class programs and aim to enhance your child's life experiences and community relationships. Excursions may include::

- * Activities in our own heated (Hydrotherapy) pool
- * Other water related activities (eg. swimming)
- * Theme-based excursions such as museums, farms, sanctuaries and Art Galleries
- * The Variety Club Marriot Court-luncheon yard
- * Circuses
- * Community Access such as shopping
- * Sports Days
- * Circle of Friends visits (Junior Activity Therapy)

Parent/School Relationships

We acknowledge and value your input. To this end we encourage daily communication, using: a daily home book system, frequent telephone contact and an open-door

Individual Education Plans

These are developed and maintained throughout your child's schooling and are disability specific. An in-depth meeting between you, your child's teacher and, on request, therapists and/or the school nurse, ensures that your concerns are addressed. The goals set reflect and support current school and home practices.

We acknowledge that parents of children with disabilities need extra support from time to time. The school provides a Parent Support Group, facilitated by a qualified volunteer psychologist. This service is supported by our school Guidance Officer.

Special Education Teachers

Throughout the year, the teaching staff continually update their skills with a range of professional development activities and in-service. Your child's teacher's training is tailored directly to the needs of students. Education Queensland provides training in the delivery and assessment of the Key Learning Areas and other subject areas. Our school implements Education Queensland syllabus materials for all students.



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***ACTIVITY THERAPY
ORIENTATION PROGRAM
2005 INTAKE**

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***Refer to School Brochure re orientation**

We aim to address your child's needs in an educational setting that allows for individual growth and the development of life skills.

In anticipation of the many questions you may have about your child's education at The Kumbari Avenue School – Gold Coast, we would like to provide a brief 'snap-shot' of what you can expect.

In 2004 we have concentrated on resourcing the Junior Activity Therapy intake class. Teacher training has focussed on specific disability areas such as visual impairment and sensory motor impairment. We are committed to delivering individualised, needs-based programs.

What you can expect for your child when they attend Activity Therapy at The Kumbari Avenue School – Gold Coast

Educational Needs

- * A full curriculum incorporating Key Learning Areas, outcomes based.
- * Personalised planning to deliver programs in the most appropriate and effective way for your child.
- * Wheelchair accessible adaptive technology:
 - * Touch screens;
 - * Switches – jelly beans, pinch-switch, and head-tilt;
 - * Specialised key boards;
 - * Switch activated toys and appliances.

Communication Needs

- * Boardmaker developed choice-boards.
- * Picture exchange communication system.
- * Signing (where appropriate).
- * Voice output devices:
 - * Superhawk;
 - * Intellitalk;
 - * Big Macks;
 - * Step-by-step communication;
 - * Tech Talk.

Physical and Equipment Needs

After a brief period of assessment, furniture and equipment are sourced for your child's use in the classroom. This may be newly purchased or modified from our existing range.

A personalised physical management program is incorporated into the classroom program. *[Referrals are made and programs developed in consultation with Education Queensland therapists (OT, PT, SLI) and other agencies such as CPLQ and Montrose.]*



Equipment that your child may have access to could include:

- Standing frames;
- Walking frames;
- Gross motor room (*including a trampoline*);
- Snoezelen Room;
- Sensory centres including 'Little Rooms' with resonance boards;
- Plinths;
- Positioning equipment;
- Hoists;
- Adjustable change tables;
- Individual toileting facilities;
- Mats, slide sheets etc.;
- Swings and recreational equipment.

In 2005, we shall see the opening of the newly completed indoor hydro pool. Staff are busy now preparing for the time when your child will be using this wonderful resource as a regular class activity. Each child will have an individual program carefully monitored by the highly trained program-coordinators.

2005, New Student Intake:

As you can see from this brief 'snap-shot', Activity Therapy staff at The Kumbari Avenue School – Gold Coast are committed to your child's Education and well-being. We eagerly anticipate meeting and getting to know all new students and their families. Let's work together to make 2005 our best year ever!!