

School Policy

Enrolment

Avenues Education is a multi-site school that works in partnership with the Alfred and the Eastern Health Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) located in SE Victoria Region and NE Victoria Region. In line with mental health services intake criteria, students must reside in the Alfred and the Eastern Health catchment areas which covers the local government areas of Port Philip, Bayside, Kingston, Glen Eira, Yarra Ranges, Knox, Maroondah, Whitehorse, Manningham and Monash.

CYMHS settings are multi-disciplinary and offer a comprehensive range of psychiatric assessments and services for children, youth and families experiencing difficulties related to social, emotional, behavioural and developmental problems. The teachers at Avenues Education work as members of the CYMHS multidisciplinary teams to provide educational support to children and young people. They are also involved in consultation, liaison and professional development to schools and other agencies. Education programs based on DET guidelines are provided at each site and in an outreach capacity. The primary focus of these programs is to support the emotional and behavioural goals as identified in partnership with CYMHS. Services offered include educational, and/or vocational assessments and individual or group programs to address student needs.

The student population covers all age groups (K-12). Programs are highly individualised and based on student need. Contact with students can be as little as one consultation through to more extensive individual or group work. Students continue to be enrolled in other schools or with education providers whilst working with Avenues Education. As such, the school does not formally enrol students as practiced in other DET settings.

Program Specific Enrolment

Referrals into all of the Avenues Education programs are taken directly from CYMHS clinicians. A referral form is completed by clinicians and signed by a parent / carer or student if deemed as a mature minor.

Alfred and Eastern Health CYMHS Community Teams

Referred clients of Alfred and Eastern Health CYMHS Community Teams become students of Avenues Education while maintaining involvement with their existing schools. They cease to be Avenues Education students when discharged from the clinical program or when the reason for referral has been addressed.

Groupworx

Clients of Eastern Health CYMHS who are of secondary-school age can be referred onto the Groupworx Adolescent Day Program. During engagement in the program connection to any existing school is maintained with the aim of reengagement after the termly program concludes. They cease to be Avenues Education students when discharged from the clinical program or when the reason for referral has been addressed.

Box Hill Adolescent Inpatient Unit

All young people admitted to the Box Hill Adolescent Inpatient Ward will have access to one of our teachers for the duration of their admission and when reintegrating back into their school. Students maintain enrolment at their existing school or education provider.

Review cycle

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was last updated on September 2018 and is scheduled for review in September, 2021