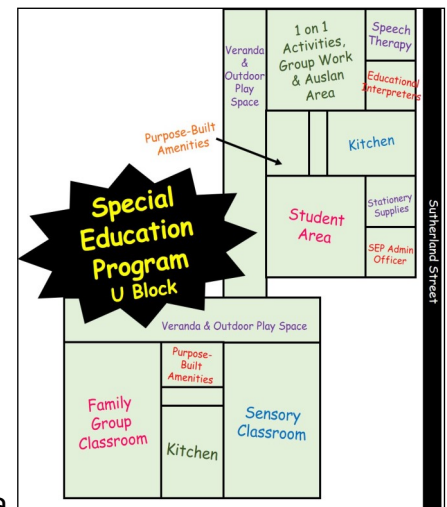


Mrs Simpson's Sizzling Spotlight

Special Education Program (SEP)

This week's sizzling spotlight is all about our Special Education Program (SEP). Located in U block, our Special Education Program offers a multitude of programs for our students with a disability.

Our SEP is guided by our Head of Special Education Services Mrs Pina Carroll who is teamed with our Disability Support teachers Erin Raso, Lisa Fitzsimmons, Di Moretto, Catie Kies, Tyler Bartlett and Kim Burns as well as our disability support teacher aides and SEP Admin Officer Mrs Sandie Torchio.



On any given day our SEP is a hive of activity offering before school and both lunch breaks supervised play with a huge range of fine & gross motor activities. During the day students access the SEP for targeted interventions including an online collaborative learning lessons, taught by a trained teacher of the deaf, providing the opportunity for our hard of hearing learners to engage in a finger spelling Auslan program to a calming sensory zone for students to learnt the art of self-regulation.

It's not just the students who are learning and achieving through our SEP activities. Each term our staff participate in the *Talking Hands* professional development program, supplementing our Australian Curriculum Auslan Languages subject.

At Mareeba SS, our mantra is clear, **'every day, in every classroom, every child is learning and achieving'**. To complement our student's success, our SEP offers programs to support our students to achieve their goals as identified in their Individual Support Plan. Offering a wrap-around service, twice per year our Disability Support teachers host an ISP meeting with key stakeholders, of which our families are first and foremost, to discuss and set individual goals for our learners with a disability.

