

GUIDE TO SIDE

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A Snapshot

The School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) is an online school and the government provider for Kindergarten to Year 12 distance education in Western Australia.

It provides quality education for students who for various reasons cannot attend classes in a mainstream school. SIDE secondary school provides a wide range of subjects, courses and programs catering for the school's diverse population.

A leader in the use of technology, SIDE delivers a high standard of online education regardless of student location.

Skilled teachers and Student Coordinators support student learning and the transition from secondary school to post-school study options, pathways and careers.



SIDE's main campus is located at Leederville with campuses in Canning, Clarkson and North Lake.



Eligibility

Home-based enrolments are typically permanent WA residents who meet specific eligibility criteria for the following categories:

- geographically isolated
- travelling
- elite performance (arts/sports)
- dance/ballet schools
- special circumstances (discuss eligibility requirements with a SIDE School Psychologist).

School-based (Principals of government and non-government schools may request SIDE enrolment).

Enrolment Process

Home-based student enrolment information and instructions are on the SIDE website.

[7-12 Enrolment > Application > Home-based enrolments](#)

Government school enrolment applications are submitted through the Department of Education Portal Application List: SIDE Online Enrolment Portal.

Non-government enrolment application information and instructions are on the SIDE website

[7-12 Enrolment > Application > School-based enrolments](#)

SIDE Student Coordinators, assigned to each region, can assist with any queries regarding this process.

Online Learning Tools

Webex

Webex is an online classroom where teaching and learning occurs in real time. The SIDE teacher is the host and the students are the participants. Lessons are scheduled by teachers. Students are expected to attend at the allocated time. Webex sessions are recorded and students are expected to watch the playback if they miss a lesson. Students generally access the lessons through a link in their Moodle course and must join lessons using their name and DoE email address.

Webex support and installation instructions are on the SIDE website [E-Learning > Getting Help > Webex](#)

Moodle

Every course has a web 'space' where students access lesson materials and activities, upload work, and interact with their teacher and other students. Moodle uses the students DoE username and password, and is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Required ICT Resources

- An internet connection that is as fast and reliable as possible.
- A computer is essential. It should run Windows 10 (version 1909) or Windows 11 or Apple Mac (OS version 10.15 or above). Other devices such as iPads, Windows 10S, Android tablets and Chromebooks may only be useful for some applications.
- Software installed on the computer should include an up-to-date web browser, and Adobe Reader or equivalent. Microsoft Office is provided.
- A USB headset with a microphone.
- Access to a printer, a scanner/digital camera or mobile phone and data storage. A webcam is desirable.

General Information

Supervision of SIDE Students

All students studying through SIDE require an assigned supervisor who should:

- actively communicate with SIDE teachers and the relevant Student Coordinator
- support students with their studies on a day-to-day basis
- make available a suitable study area with phone and internet access
- make available IT resources
- ensure that completed work is submitted in accordance with Course and Assessment Outlines
- provide an approved test/exam supervisor.

SIDE Support for Students

SIDE provides a range of support services and students/families/schools are encouraged to utilise these resources:

- Student Coordinators who are a key contact and a link between the student/school and SIDE teachers
- specialist teachers
- online classrooms: Moodle and Webex
- Library Resource Centre
- School Psychologists
- Technology Support Staff.

Attendance

Attendance at SIDE is based upon satisfactory submission of work, regular teacher/student contact (email, phone, visit), participation in Webex lessons and daily engagement in Moodle activities for all subjects/courses. Attendance is regularly reviewed by the school.

Visiting SIDE

Students, and their supervisors, are encouraged to visit SIDE to meet and work with their teachers. Arrangements are made by the respective Student Coordinator and early notification is preferred. SIDE has five on-site accommodation units for regional/travelling students and supervisors. Information and rates for the Accommodation Village are on the SIDE website

[About > Facilities > Accommodation](#)

Success at SIDE

Studying online is a different style of learning. To assist in achieving success students need to be:

- organised
- effective with their time management
- communicating regularly with their teachers/Student Coordinator
- interested and committed to their studies.