GUIDE TO SIDE
PRIMARY 2024

Eligibility

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

- geographically isolated
- travelling
- special circumstances (discuss eligibility requirements with a SIDE Primary Enrolments officer).

Enrolment Process

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

Primary K-6 > Enrolment > K-6 Eligibility Guidelines

Primary K-6 > Enrolment > K-6 Enrolment Process

Webex

Online Learning Tools

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.

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 has secure logins, 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

Role of the Home Tutor

Achieving success in distance education is dependent on the student, home tutor and teacher working together as a team. The teacher is in direct contact with your child(ren) for only a small proportion of the total teaching time; you do much of the day-to-day work. As a home tutor you play a pivotal role. Using the supplied support materials will ensure you provide the best learning environment for your child.

Support for Home Tutors

Teachers in the primary years offer support to children and their families.

- All parents/home tutors are invited to SIDE for an initial interview/induction.
- Visits to SIDE whenever you are in Perth.
- Some families may be visited at home by their teacher(s).

SIDE Support for Students

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

- experienced teachers
- online classrooms, Moodle and Webex
- Library Resource Centre
- school psychologists.

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 as prescribed on each child's Term Calendar. Attendance is regularly reviewed by the school.

Keep in regular contact, whether by telephone or email, with your child's teacher(s). We want to hear from you and your child. Let your child's teacher know how the school work is going and if you have any problems.

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

SIDE is located at 164-194 Oxford Street, Leederville, a five minute walk from the Leederville train station.