

Out of Home Care Program

The Out of Home Care program provides support for students who are in **statutory out of home care** (OOHC) by definition of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 No 157 Sections 135 and 135A.

Statutory out of home care is out of home care that is provided in respect of a child or young person for a period of more than 14 days:

- pursuant to a care order of the Children's Court, or
- by virtue of the child or young person being a protected person

It does not include any care provided by a relative of a child or young person unless:

- the Minister has parental responsibility for the child or young person by virtue of an order of the Children's Court, or
- the child or young person is in the care of the Director-General

The Support Teacher (OOHC) can support your school in the following ways:

- determine student's eligibility for the OOHC program (Statutory OOHC)
- assist in gathering relevant background information
- assist the School Learning Support Team in the development and review of the Education Plan and cover sheet
- support school staff (including SLSOs) in understanding the educational implications for students in OOHC and developing appropriate strategies
- provide professional learning for staff as requested
- liaise with other DEC personnel. This may include Learning and Engagement staff, Aboriginal education and curriculum
- support the school to develop a risk assessment / behaviour management plan if required
- liaise with outside agencies. This may include Family and Community Services (FACS), Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC)
- attend planning meetings as required
- advise of additional DEC support services e.g. AP (Learning and Support)
- maintain and utilise the OOHC database to assist in the strategic and timely support of students in OOHC
- support the development of an application for funding from the OOHC program if required

Requests for assistance can be made direct to the relevant Support Teacher (OOHC)

<p>Based at Wyee PS Sue Watkins susan.watkins@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 02 43571982</p>	<p>Based at Islington PS John Herron john.r.herron@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 02 49693852</p>	<p>Based at Morpeth PS Murray Rees (Mon/Tue/Fri) MURRAY.REES1@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 02 49336726</p>
---	--	--