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**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO  
STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS**

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Very little support for children with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities and Autism outside of Sydney and Newcastle.

Costly to provide therapy for our child as private health is limited to a few hundred dollars. Therefore support sessions are ad hoc and generally useless. Thing with Autism is that the child needs consistent routines. This does not happen when you can only afford a limited amount of therapy on an irregular basis.

Seems to me that the kids with autism in mainstream are left behind while the school pulls out all stops to cater for the OC or express learning kids. If you have a good hard think about it the express learners can take care of themselves, they have no problem with learning so give them the appropriate lessons for their age. Special needs require extra effort with routines set in place, timelines on what is on when, visual aids etc but the school grudges on doing this as "what's in it for them?" Sadly the kid just struggles through the system.

Ps don't get me started on Bullying of the special needs kids.