

**INQUIRY INTO STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR
SPECIAL NEEDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS**

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is an inclusive high school. Apart from a hearing support unit, the school has 69 students with additional needs across all years. We, unfortunately, only have one SLSO per day who attempts to cover as many students and as many classes as possible. With only five periods in a day, it is almost impossible to provide regular support to these students and although the teachers do a very good job of providing the best strategies and outcomes for these students, they end up doing so with insignificant support. This clearly impact on the equitable access of students to the curriculum and the Learning & Support Teacher spends a great deal of time servicing the red tape that surrounds much of the special provisions for the HSC and NAPLAN.

In addition, the new demands for higher literacy rates in the HSC reforms will require students with learning difficulties to obtain additional support in order to meet the new thresholds. Without additional resources and funding, this cannot be done.