Student Services

Disability Support

The Disability Support Service (DSS)
The Disability Support Service offers a range of services and supports to students who have a diagnosed disability or medical condition.

The service is free and confidential and permission will be sought from the student prior to the release of any personal information.

Documentation
The Disability Liaison Officer requires a current letter or report (within 3 years) from an appropriate health professional before any support can be organized. The report/letter must include:

Diagnosis of disability
- how study/access may be affected,
- if the condition is permanent, temporary or fluctuating,
- any special requirements,
- strategies that can assist the student.

Services Available
Support types will be discussed during an intake meeting with a Disability Liaison Officer. Supports are based on information given during registration, nature of the course and appropriate supporting documentation.

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Student Rights
In accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, students with a disability have the right to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

Students have the right to negotiate appropriate ‘reasonable adjustments’ provided that the adjustments do not compromise the learning outcomes of the subject/course or are considered unreasonable by the institute.

Reasonable adjustments vary depending on the students’ individual needs.

How to Obtain Support *
Students are able to obtain a Request for Support form by logging on to the student portal, asking your Department or contacting us at:

Student Services, Building C, Preston campus, 77 St Georges Rd, Preston 3072

p: 03 9269 1314
f: 03 9269 1540
sms: 0427 777 705 (160 characters only)
email: disabilitysupport@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au

National Relay Service: 13 36 77
(for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing):

Once the Request for Support form has been received, a Disability Liaison Officer will contact the student to arrange an appointment.

* Please note that it takes time to organise supports, so please contact the Disability Liaison Officer as soon as possible.