**What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability?**

All schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) annually. The national data collection supports schools in meeting their obligations under the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2013C00022)and the [Disability Standards for Education 2005](http://education.gov.au/disability-standards-education).

From 2018, data collected through the NCCD will be used to inform Australian Government recurrent funding for schools.

The national data collection provides information about the number of students with disability and the adjustment provided for them to participate in schooling.

**What does the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability mean for Catholic education?**

The collection of data for the NCCD is based on the professional judgement of teachers. Making judgements and recording data is a collaborative process, however, principals will be ultimately responsible for signing off on the data and supporting evidence for each student entry for their school.

A student will only be included in the national data collection if they satisfy two criteria:

1. The student meets the definition of a person with disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.
2. The functional impact of the student’s disability results in the school actively addressing their needs.

Teachers and school staff use their professional, informed judgement, based on evidence, to determine the level of adjustment the student receives over a minimum period of ten weeks and this helps school teams determine:

* which students to include in the data collection
* the levels of adjustment that are provided, both within and outside the classroom
* the broad category of disability.

School teams collect evidence based on:

* consultation with families
* observations and professional judgements
* any medical diagnosis.

**Links**

For more information visit: [National Consistent Collection of Data](http://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability)

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