



# SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY, MENTAL HEALTH OR MEDICAL CONDITION

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At Chisholm, we take equal opportunity and access to education and support seriously. We strive to be inclusive throughout our community.

We have many students who live with a disability, mental health or medical condition. Chisholm teachers support student needs, and have experience creating supportive teaching environments where all students have the opportunity to succeed.

If you have a disability, mental health or medical condition, advising us about your condition helps us support you, so you can make the most of your studies at Chisholm.

## **MAKING SURE THE COURSE IS RIGHT FOR YOU**

Studying after a break is a great challenge. To make sure you're prepared, we encourage you to find out as much as you can about the course you are considering. You can do this by:

- searching our website for information
- attending a course information session
- contacting us to request a course information brochure
- talking to staff from the teaching area about any concerns you have related to your circumstances.

It's important you're comfortable and confident you've made the right choice for you. If you would like support in making your decision about course options, you can discuss your circumstances with the Disability Liaison Officer (DLO) at Student Services. With your permission, our DLO can also support you in your discussions with your teachers, your health care providers or with family members.



A woman with reddish-brown hair and glasses is focused on writing in a notebook. She is wearing a dark blue zip-up hoodie over a light grey t-shirt. The background shows other students in a classroom setting, slightly out of focus. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor classroom environment.

## **ADVISING US ABOUT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES**

The DLO is available to discuss your disability, mental health or medical condition. You can discuss your circumstances confidentially and decide when and how it might be best to advise teachers. Information you disclose will be protected by our privacy policy.

Teaching areas benefit from knowing the circumstances of their students, to better understand how they can support them. With your permission, the DLO can advise your teacher of any adjustments needed to support you to help you succeed in your chosen course of study.

## Registering for support

You may have indicated you have a disability on your enrolment form, but you will still need to contact Student Services for support. Registering for disability support is a simple process. We encourage students to register as early as possible, whether they feel they will need support or not. Students can still register if they have already started their course.

All of your documents surrounding the disclosure of your disability, mental health or medical condition will be kept confidential.

To register for support go to [chisholm.edu.au/disability](http://chisholm.edu.au/disability)

You can also contact Student Services on **9212 5269** or [disabilitysupport@chisholm.edu.au](mailto:disabilitysupport@chisholm.edu.au)

When the registration process is complete, our DLO will make a time to meet with you to discuss any specific support requirements.

When you have enrolled in your course, you may access additional free support from Student Services which includes one-on-one personal counselling as well as careers advice. You can find out more about our services at [chisholm.edu.au/studentsservices](http://chisholm.edu.au/studentsservices)

## How can disclosing my disability, mental health or medical condition help me succeed at Chisholm?

You are not legally obliged to disclose any disability, mental health or medical condition while studying at Chisholm. But by disclosing these details to us, you'll be giving yourself the best chance of succeeding in your course and getting the support available to you.

Early disclosure to the DLO (preferably before your course commences) allows time for us to arrange appropriate support.



Support to succeed  
in your course

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ADVICE CONTACT

### Chisholm Student Services

03 9212 5269

[disabilitysupport@chisholm.edu.au](mailto:disabilitysupport@chisholm.edu.au)

You can visit us in the Student Centres at:

#### Dandenong campus

121 Stud Road, Dandenong VIC 3175  
Building A, Level 1

#### Frankston campus

Fletcher Road, Frankston VIC 3199  
Building E, Level 1 (inside the Library)



We're here to help you

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